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CRIPPS' "AS YOU WERE" BUDGET

Britons get another year of austerity

Relief granted for lower income brackets; petrol tax raised but monthly ration doubled

FOOD SUBSIDIES ARE UNCHANGED

LONDON, APRIL 18.
SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS, THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, PROMISED BRITONS ANOTHER YEAR OF AUSTERITY IN AN "AS YOU WERE" BUDGET.

He announced that his nearly £4,000 million budget allowed no scope for remissions of taxation of Britons—already the most highly taxed people in the world.

Sir Stafford, however, announced relief for lower income groups by reducing the three shillings and six shillings rates to 2s. 6d. and five shillings respectively.

Tax on petrol and other light oils would be increased by nine pence a gallon, making petrol three shillings per gallon.

But the standard petrol ration, now giving motorists 90 miles a month, would be doubled.

The purchase tax on high-priced private cars would be reduced from 60-2/3 per cent to 33-1/3.

Sir Stafford also announced that food subsidies for next year would remain at the present ceiling figure of £410 million.

Sir Stafford—still the "Iron Chancellor"—presented his budget to a tense Parliament. On his proposals the fate of the Labour Government may hang.

As he turned a cold eye on the political time bomb, which is the national purse, adds Associated Press, he said:
"All the attractive suggestions put forward for the remission of taxation must be firmly set to one side."
He said that if the most extreme cuts suggested were employed, the amount accumulated would only reach about £1,000,000.

Bonus payments

To emphasize this, he asked individual industrialists with a retroactive tax that will take almost half of high bonus payments they received last year in the belief that the payments were tax free.

Hardest hit were the automobile industrialists. Sir John Black of Standard Motor Company and Leonard P. Lord of the Austin Motor Company.

Still in a taxing mood, Sir Stafford levied a similar tax on similar payments ranging from 10 per cent on the first £500 to 55 per cent on all payments above £20,000.

He eased a sore point in domestic politics. He said that houses are going to be built faster, and that the housing programme will revert to 200,000 houses a year.

The rate of building before cuts were announced in last autumn's governmental economy wave.

Sir Stafford Cripps, told a crowded Parliament today that Britain was at the moment in overall balance—indeed almost

Farouk fetes British officers



King Farouk of Egypt, who was recently appointed a General in the British Army, with his Egyptian counterparts in uniform when he entertained a number of British officers and their Egyptian counterparts to tea on the Royal Estate at Inchas, North East of Cairo, photo shows: (left to right) during a festive stroll around the estate: General Sir John Crocker, Commander in Chief, British Middle East Land Forces; King Farouk; Rear Admiral I. M. Campbell, Flag Officer Levant; and Air Marshal Sir John Baker, Commander in Chief Royal Air Force in the Mediterranean and the Middle East. (A.P. photo).

REDS CAPTURE LINTIN ISLAND NEAR CASTLE PEAK

Chinese Communist troops seized the last remaining Nationalist blockade base in the Pearl River Delta yesterday. More than 1,000 soldiers occupied Lintin Island, three miles outside British waters and five miles from Castle Peak, New Territories.

The Communist amphibious attack began on Monday when they subjected the Nationalist shore defences to a severe bombardment until nightfall.

The bombardment was resumed at 8.15 a.m. yesterday. Under its cover more than 1,000 troops landed on the South coast of the base from junks and self-propelled small craft.

A Nationalist fleet of one destroyer, a few transports and about 10 junks loaded with Nationalist troops was seen fleeing from the island in a southerly direction.

By yesterday afternoon no firing was heard. It was presumed that the island had been fully occupied by the Communists.

Casualties on both sides could not be ascertained by reports reaching the Colony last evening.

Lintin Island controls Pearl River shipping to Macao on the West and Hong Kong on the East. The Nationalists were successful for some time in enforcing the South China blockade by operating a fleet at the island. Pearl River cargo and passenger traffic was curtailed considerably when Canton fell to the Reds.

Their naval patrols had been active in the delta area. Many blockade runners had been intercepted when attempting to reach Pearl River ports.

Main base
Lintin Island was the main blockade base. The Nationalists also operated vigilance outposts on Man Shan Island and Lap Sap Mei from where their small gunboats accosted small river craft plying between the Colony and the Communist ports in the Pearl River Delta.

The island—one and a half square miles in area and some 15 miles from the regular shipping lane on the Hong Kong-Macao run—had been the target of Communist invasion plans early this year.

The occupation marked the climax to weeks of well-prepared and methodical requisitioning of small river craft and personnel from the fishing villages.

A recent Communist directive ordered that all river vessels in the Pearl River delta, which had been running to maintain a regular flow of foodstuffs and materials between Canton and the outside world, must be utilised for military operation.

Hundreds of small fishing boats, motor launches, and tug-boats and ferries have been commandeered. They were all manned by the regular personnel.

Parties of Communist troops were placed in these craft.

Fishermen killed
Untrained and unwilling, many of these fishermen had been killed by fire or drowning when the Communists attempted to invade Hainan Island.

The invading forces who made the Lintin landings are believed to be recruited from Kluow Island, off Macao Island, and the Mainland.

Arrivals from Macao yesterday said that there was no sign of hostile activity when they passed the island, which is about 15 miles off the lane.

An officer of the mv. Chien Men, which arrived here at 2.30 p.m. yesterday from the Portuguese colony, said that he could not detect any sign of activity nor any sign of fire when he looked through a pair of binoculars at the island. It was about 12.30 p.m. when the Chien Men reached the base.

A well-informed shipping official operating several small craft on the Hong Kong-Macao-Canton run said that with the occupation of the Lintin base river shipping between the Colony and Canton may soon be revived with a considerable degree of safety.

He remarked that the current practice of going to Canton or Pearl River ports via Macao entailed higher expenses and more time. He believed that the Nationalist Navy would harass the lanes for some time, "but they would only be more of a nuisance than to endanger shipping."

The informant added that most probably Pearl River-Hong Kong shipping will during the initial stages of resumption ply via the Deep Bay area off Lintin Island and thence up the Pearl River Delta.

The surrounding areas are virtually all Communist-held. The occupation of Lintin Island will give the Communists overall supremacy in the delta area.

TERRORIST ATROCITY IN MALAYA
Singapore, April 18.
A terrorist squad on the night of April 17, killed a Chinese girl by stabbing and beating with a hammer, after setting fire to her father's shop in a tiny village near Pulau Atap, 400 miles North of Singapore.

The terrorists looted the shop, leaving four other occupants tied up in a nearby alley—

Reuters.

Thousands of Reds killed in Hainan invasion attempt

Hoihow, April 18.

The Nationalist defenders of Hainan today repelled the biggest Communist attempt to invade the island, killing thousands of troops including two divisional commanders.

At a late hour today the remaining few hundred Communist troops to reach the shore had been encircled and were threatened with annihilation.

The island commander, General Hsueh Yuch, who commanded the defences personally, issued an ultimatum to surrender tonight or face aerial bombardment.

More Nationalist warships arrived today to strengthen the island's defences.

An estimated 6,000 Communist troops managed to reach shore on Monday afternoon after Nationalist warships and coastal guns inflicted heavy damage on the invasion craft on Sunday night and on Monday. More than half this number were killed in heavy fighting on Monday night, and an additional 1,000 surrendered this morning.

The remainder, estimated at a little more than 1,000, were addressed by General Hsueh over a loudspeaker at noon today. He ordered them to surrender before nightfall.

Nationalist planes and warships co-operated effectively to prevent any reinforcements from the mainland after the initial invasion force had been repulsed. Those Communist troops to reach shore from their sunken or damaged craft were contained by strong Nationalist army forces after reaching the beach.

Heavily shelled
The Communist invasion fleet, numbering 180 junks, tried to land on Hainan along the coast near Linkeo and Taingmai, on the Western part of the island, on Sunday afternoon and Sunday night. They were heavily

shelled and bombed by Nationalist warships and planes. It was reported that 50 invading junks were sunk and the rest repulsed. Thousands of invaders were killed and hundreds surrendered. The invaders totalled at least one division.

Nationalist planes were previously reported to have bombed and strafed on Saturday afternoon, a group of invading junks which massed along the Southern tip of Luichow Peninsula, exactly 18 miles from Hoihow, and claimed 50 of them sunk.

Simultaneously, an official report said Nationalist gunboats had ringed and smashed another invasion fleet numbering about 50 wooden ships, which were on their way to approach the West coast of Hainan. At the same time, they sank some invasion ships near Linghai, on Eastern Hainan.

The official report added that a furious storm occurred along the Luichow Straits on Saturday, which also sent about 50 Communist junks to the bottom of the sea.—United Press.

Communist report
In a special late afternoon edition yesterday the pro-Communist vernacular "Ta Kung Pao" claimed that the vanguard of the Fourth Field Army had successfully landed on Hainan Island.

It added that the latest landing is the fifth speechhead of the Hainan invasion. The four previous speechheads had successfully smashed the defences of the Nationalists.

HK troops to spend leave in Japan

Tokyo, April 18.

General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, has approved a scheme for British troops in Hong Kong to spend a fortnight's leave in Japan, according to usually reliable sources here today.

The troops would travel by sea in groups of 100 and stay in an Australian camp in Tokyo or in a leave hotel. A British liaison official from Hong Kong is today completing arrangements in Tokyo.—Reuters.

formation indicated that the volume in the first quarter of the year was 10 per cent above that of the first quarter of last year.

Evidence of the first quarter this year tended to show that British exports were expanding satisfactorily and that export prices were still fully competitive over a wide range of goods.

But it must be remembered that Germany and Japan were coming back into the international market. Even apart from this, competition was likely to intensify in the coming months.

Receipts from visible exports for 1950 might reach £2,000

Food outlook

On the importation of food, Sir Stafford said that the outlook was "not unfavourable despite our difficult negotiations with the Argentine."

Speaking of trade generally, the Chancellor said that the Government hoped during 1950 to convert an overall deficit of £70 million into an overall surplus of about £50 million.

Outlining the economies in dollar expenditure made by Britain, the British Colonies and Sterling countries of the Commonwealth, which were large and which he hoped would continue, the Chancellor said that the point had now been reached where Britain increased the volume of dollar sales and exceeded the rate of dollar earnings immediately before devaluation.

A decrease in dollar spending was essential to bettering Britain's payments position because that was a "regular and controllable saving" whereas the dollar earnings of the Sterling Area are more uncertain and not in our power to determine.

At \$1,084 million, the reserves were a little bigger than a year ago, but they were still considerably below what they were at the beginning of the Marshall Plan, which was itself at a totally inadequate level compared to Britain's needs or her pre-war position, the Chancellor said.

Sir Stafford said: "We have now reached the point where the increased volume of United Kingdom dollar sales in excess of the rate of dollar earnings immediately before devaluation."

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ss. Hunan arrives from Tientsin with Shanghai foreign evacuees

Shanghai Communist officials have given permission for more than 1,600 foreign nationals to leave Shanghai via Tientsin, according to a foreign national who arrived in Hong Kong from Shanghai via Tientsin yesterday on board the ss. Hunan.

The foreign national said that all intending evacuees who had booked passages on board the American President Lines ss. General Gordon were granted exit visas to leave China via Tientsin.

(Shanghai) officials called on the Gordon's ship on March 28.

Only minor restrictions were made on evacuation, he said, and that in the last few days

calling at the North China port.

He added that about 150 evacuees could leave Tientsin monthly. Eighteen Europeans arrived in Hong Kong yesterday on board the Butterfield and Swire ship, ss. Hunan. The group included 10 British subjects, one French citizen and one American.

About 20 Indians from Shanghai also arrived in the ship.

The passengers left Shanghai on April 3 aboard a special train for Tientsin, arriving 23 hours later.

Shanghai officials said that all the passengers had booked and paid for their passage on a ship before giving them exit visas.

On Shanghai evacuees, American and British officials said that they were being operated by the Communist authorities for foreign nationals who wanted to leave China.

More than 50 evacuees were in Tientsin hotels waiting for ships when the Hunan left on April 9, passengers said.

Each day a small group of train passengers arrives in the city from Shanghai. Communist authorities are doing their utmost to assist them in leaving China, they added.

Though rail passage from Shanghai to Tientsin costs the equivalent of 1,500, many foreigners in Shanghai find it impossible to get through Tientsin immigration.

Reasons given for this are that many wish to take household property and furniture with them, and that the Communist authorities are not prepared to accept them.

and on ship from Tientsin is more expensive than most of the Shanghai residents can afford.

Another reason is the higher cost of passage from Tientsin to Hong Kong. One passenger pointed out that many Shanghai residents were dangerously low on money.

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Stiff U.S. note to Russia

Washington, April 18.

The United States charged on Tuesday that Russian fighters shot down a missing American navy patrol plane over open waters of the Baltic Sea.

The U.S. reply to the Soviet note demanded that Russia punish those responsible, and to pay indemnity for the lives of 10 men lost in the plane.

The charge and the demand was made in a formal reply to Russia's protest of April 11 that an American plane had flown over Latvia and had exchanged gunfire with Soviet aircraft three days earlier.

The American note was delivered in Moscow by the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Allan Kirk.

The note demanded also that "the most strict and categorical instructions" be issued to the Soviet Air Force to prevent any new incident.—Associated Press.

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The Weather

At 0800 GMT (5 p.m. HKST) a cyclonic low pressure system dominated Japan, the associated trough stretched WSW across South China. Pressure is rising over the Eastern Sea.

Today's Forecast—Moderate, easterly winds. Weather cloudy with occasional rain.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 30.7 deg. F. Minimum: 24.9 deg. F. Sunshine: 8.4 hours.

Statistical note—Total rain on similar dates: 1949: 1.0 in. 1948: 0.1 in. 1947: 0.2 in. 1946: 0.3 in. 1945: 0.4 in. 1944: 0.5 in. 1943: 0.6 in. 1942: 0.7 in. 1941: 0.8 in. 1940: 0.9 in. 1939: 1.0 in. 1938: 1.1 in. 1937: 1.2 in. 1936: 1.3 in. 1935: 1.4 in. 1934: 1.5 in. 1933: 1.6 in. 1932: 1.7 in. 1931: 1.8 in. 1930: 1.9 in. 1929: 2.0 in. 1928: 2.1 in. 1927: 2.2 in. 1926: 2.3 in. 1925: 2.4 in. 1924: 2.5 in. 1923: 2.6 in. 1922: 2.7 in. 1921: 2.8 in. 1920: 2.9 in. 1919: 3.0 in. 1918: 3.1 in. 1917: 3.2 in. 1916: 3.3 in. 1915: 3.4 in. 1914: 3.5 in. 1913: 3.6 in. 1912: 3.7 in. 1911: 3.8 in. 1910: 3.9 in. 1909: 4.0 in. 1908: 4.1 in. 1907: 4.2 in. 1906: 4.3 in. 1905: 4.4 in. 1904: 4.5 in. 1903: 4.6 in. 1902: 4.7 in. 1901: 4.8 in. 1900: 4.9 in. 1899: 5.0 in. 1898: 5.1 in. 1897: 5.2 in. 1896: 5.3 in. 1895: 5.4 in. 1894: 5.5 in. 1893: 5.6 in. 1892: 5.7 in. 1891: 5.8 in. 1890: 5.9 in. 1889: 6.0 in. 1888: 6.1 in. 1887: 6.2 in. 1886: 6.3 in. 1885: 6.4 in. 1884: 6.5 in. 1883: 6.6 in. 1882: 6.7 in. 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THE FAMINE IN CHINA

Sir,—It seems to me that your story on page one of your issue of Tuesday, April 18 concerning a famine conference in Peking has been padded out rather fully on the spare skeleton of the fact that there has been a telegram received here by a Christian group. You speak of "foreign Christian organizations," "European representatives," "foreign representatives." Since I am in possession of the telegram referred to, I request the privilege of presenting the following explanation:

On March 28 of this year a meeting was held of the representatives of about 25 Christian and welfare organizations. These people were invited to meet to explore possibilities of China famine relief efforts by the Christians of Hong Kong. An attempt was made to call together representatives of as many organizations as possible and five nationalities were represented in this voluntary meeting. Mr. Orin Magill of the YMCA was elected the chairman of the meeting and the undersigned was chosen as secretary.

Among other things, the group directed a telegram to the National Christian Council of China requesting that body to give us their appraisal of the famine situation and to ascertain the attitude of the People's Government toward the acceptance and distribution of relief supplies. This telegram was addressed to Mr. George Wu, who was at that time one of the secretaries of the National Christian Council. On April 18 Mr. Wu sent the following reply to our group through Mr. Magill:

"Relief negotiations proceeding step by step findings national relief conference starting Peking April twentieth in which Christian leaders will participate."

This telegram is, as far as I know, the sum total of the information which our group has on the subject of a proposed relief conference. There is no mention in this telegram of any "European representatives" or "foreign representatives" nor of "foreign Christian organizations." Chinese Christian leaders and "representatives of foreign Christian organizations" are by no means synonymous. If Chinese Christians are invited to such a conference I am sure it will be because they are the leaders of their own country's Churches and not because they are in any way representative of any foreign organization of any kind.

I hope, Sir, you will grant our group the courtesy of publishing this explanation.

LEWISTINE M. MCCOY.

CHINESE CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

At the Annual General Meeting of the Chinese Club yesterday afternoon the following members were elected to serve the members of the General Committee: Mr. Chan Ip-nin, Chairman; Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Mok Hing-wing, Hon. Secretary; Mr. Lee Shiu-kau, Hon. Treasurer; Mr. K. B. Lee, Mr. Tong Suk-pui, Mr. Leung Kam-to, Mr. Chan Tse-ching, Mr. Chan Kwan-nin, Mr. Cheng Tin-sang, and Mr. Cheung Yik-lung.

SHANGHAI BALL

Funds realised as a result of the Shanghai Ball amounted to HK\$19,400. It was officially stated yesterday.

The money has been donated to the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association.

New Russian firms open in Shanghai

At least 30 new Russian firms have been set up in Shanghai during the last two months, evidently to inaugurate direct Sino-Soviet trade, though no details are available as to their activities.

This information was brought down by a businessman from Shanghai, who left the Northern metropolis just before the Easter holidays by train via Canton.

He said the Russians kept very much to themselves and it is believed they have arrangements with the Chinese Communist authorities regarding supplies, distribution and purchases.

For one thing, the new arrivals are not unloading upon the city of the foreign business firms who are doing no business, because there is no business to be done in a dead city. This is how businessmen describe the once most prosperous metropolis in China.

Our informant said he could not say for certain, but he believed that apart from the British houses the other foreign business houses have nearly all applied for permission to close down. The British will have to follow suit, if conditions do not improve very soon.

Reports of severe restrictions being placed by the Communists on the foreign firms as to how they should conduct their business could not be confirmed by our informant. He said that apart from requiring accounts being kept in Chinese, or a set of books kept in this language, and provided merchants pay their taxes, they were left alone.

There is no need to impose restrictions. Conditions are already bad enough, and unless they improve, the foreign firms, like others, must do a natural death sooner or later, depending upon how long their resources will hold out, he said.

Conditions deplorable
Economic conditions were described by our informant as deplorable. Shopkeepers are doing just enough business to pay for the wages of their employees and pay for overheads, all out of capital. If this goes on they will have to pack up.

Unemployment is rife, and many people, whether of their own accord or compelled by the city fathers, have left the city. Many are still lingering, but hoping for the best. They dare not report as required by the authorities, that they are unemployed, for fear of being sent to labour camps.

Foodstuffs, including rice, and goods are in plenty and very cheap, but that is consolation to a people who have no money to buy.

People in fact are now living in austere conditions perhaps never equalled except during the war years, and general belt-tightening is the order of the day.

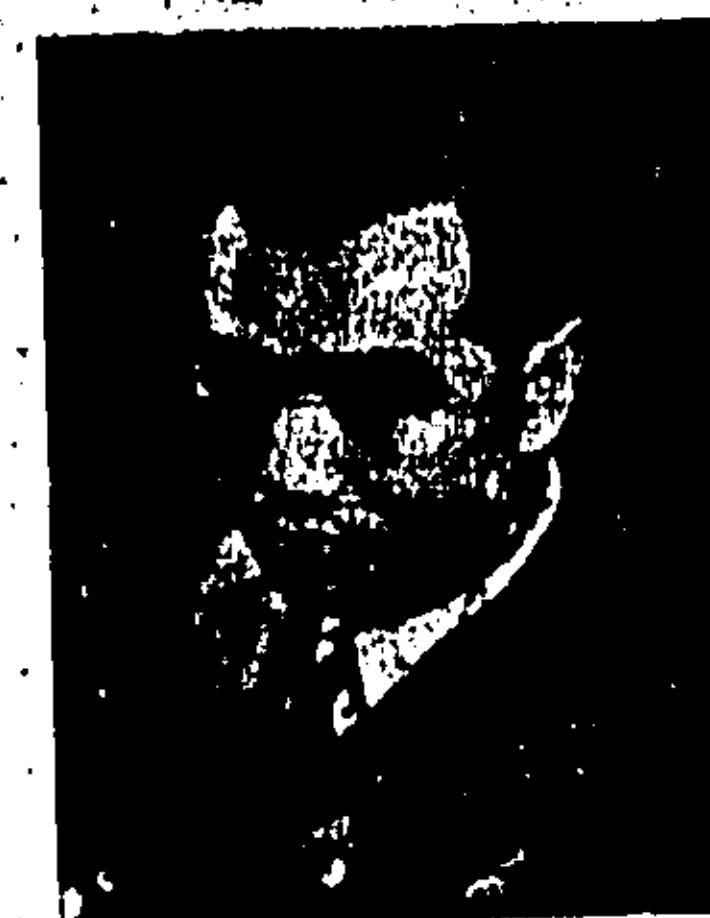
The better-off class are sharing in this austere living. People formerly occupying big mansions and flats now share their premises with other people, for fear of being called upon by the authorities to take up special allocations of Victory bonds. All luxury or semblance of luxury has disappeared, and a motor car on the street is almost as rare as a sight in Shanghai today as a bicycle with a pillion rider in Hong Kong.

Lack experience
The new administrators are described by our informant as conscientious workers, but inexperienced and lacking organisation. They seem to lose their heads once they run into difficulties.

One bright spot in the dark picture is the admirable way in which law and order are being maintained. Despite bungling in other departments of administration, life and property have never received better protection than they are receiving today.

Our informant said he had heard nothing in Shanghai about famine conditions in North and Central China, due probably to news suppression by the Communists. At any rate, he said, if there is any famine, the cities would have food stocks; they would be the storehouses for the rice taken away from the farmers who are the people to die of starvation.

The Hong Kong Boy Scouts Association will hold its St. George's Day Parade on Saturday at 4.30 p.m. at the New Botanical Gardens. The Governor is expected to attend the parade at 4.30 p.m.



Mr. Lau Wai-kwong, APFA, ARPS.

Photographic Society exhibition

On view this week at the clubrooms of the Photographic Society of Hong Kong at 217A Prince's Building, is a collection of pictorial photographs, many of which have gained distinction in the leading salons of Britain, America, France, Belgium, Denmark, Sweden, Italy and other countries. They are by Mr. Lau Wai-kwong, APFA, ARPS.

Mr. Lau's work has earned him international fame. The exhibit is the second of a series of one-man shows sponsored by the Photographic Society of Hong Kong.

Among the many salons which have displayed his work are London, Chicago, Washington and Seattle.

He first became interested in the camera and its possibilities for artistic expression as early as 1934, but he did not really devote himself seriously to photography till 1938 when the All-China Exhibition accepted an hung his pictures. Since then he has been making his mark in nearly all the well-known salons.

He was made an Associate of the Photographic Society of America last year and this honour was soon after followed by his being elected Associate of the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain.

Of high merit and artistic distinction, with individualistic treatment and technique, his works must be seen to be appreciated.

His one-man show is open till Wednesday, April 26.

Exhibition of French paintings

More than 30 exquisite contemporary French paintings were on view yesterday at the Jacobean Room in a special exhibition arranged by Seasons Company Limited.

The exhibition consisted mostly of nudes. There were a few landscapes, and views of the French seacoast.

All the paintings were in oil, and based on the classical conception of art.

The pictures were brought to Hong Kong by Seasons Limited direct from Paris, to acquaint the populace here with the vigour and force of the post-war European school.

SURVEY IN KAI TAK AREA

A survey of the area North of the nullah along the perimeter of the Kai Tak airport is taking place, it was stated, officially yesterday.

There is no proposal to enlarge the airport, it was added.

It may be necessary at some future date to re-survey the Kai Tak area for town planning purposes, but no scheme for reclamation has been approved by Government.

Most of the land in the area is, however, agricultural land on which domestic buildings cannot legally be erected, concluded the statement.

RICE RATION

The Rice Controller announced yesterday that during the rationing period from April 21 to 25, inclusive, good Siam white rice will be issued at 4½ centies per person at 87 centies a catty.

APL expanding Far East service

Three additional American President Lines' ships, the ss. President Jackson, ss. President Adams and ss. President Hayes, will begin regular Far Eastern routes beginning early next year, Mr. John M. Diggs said yesterday.

Mr. Diggs, Vice-President of Passenger Traffic on APL lines, said that all of the ships will call at Hong Kong.

Speaking at a Press conference yesterday morning, Mr. Diggs said that he hoped that the Hong Kong Government, and Hong Kong businesses would be able to encourage more tourist trade to Hong Kong in the near future.

He added that he realised that political and economic considerations had necessarily slowed up immediate action on the tourist trade, but that within a short time much more publicity and encouragement could be given to the proposal.

Hong Kong, already lacking in hotel space, admittedly finds itself in a difficult position, he said.

He added that other parts of the world are advertising extensively in the United States for tourists.

"Hong Kong, which is an intriguing and charming place for tourists, has much more to offer than most people realise," he said.

Dollar comes
"All the people who visit the Colony from America return praising Hong Kong, but a more vigorous publicity campaign would most certainly bring more tourists here, and this would prove a sizeable source of dollar income," Mr. Diggs said.

The APL executive said that nothing definite had been decided about routing the lines' ss. General Gordon to the Portuguese Colony of Macao.

Mr. Diggs intends to visit Macao for a day before leaving for Singapore this week-end.

He is on a two-month tour of the Orient, conducting a personal survey of resort and tourist conditions for the American shipping company.

Proposed amendments to Ordinances

A bill to amend a number of Ordinances will have its First Reading at today's Legislative Council meeting.

The Land Registration Ordinance, 1944, is to be amended to provide a more convenient method of verification of memorials in the Land Office.

Recasting of the Promissory Oaths Ordinance requires the taking of the official oath only by ex-officio members of the Executive Council and seeks to improve the form of the Ordinance by removing into a second Schedule the stipulations as to the form and content of the various oaths.

The Jury Ordinance, 1937, is to be amended to bring it in line with the constitution of the Defence Force as at present governed by Ordinance 63 of 1948.

Proposed amendments to the Evidence Ordinance, 1939, abolishes the necessity of publishing in the Government Gazette details of foreign banks carrying on business in the Colony.

The amendments also define a folio as being 72 words in lieu of 60 words.

Amendments to the Fire Investigation Ordinance, 1933, provide a convenient alternative to the convening of a full Marine Court in accordance with section 19 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance where fires occur in vessels not exceeding 60 tons and is analogous with powers that already exist with regard to buildings in Hong Kong.

"The Probates Ordinance" is to be brought in line with present-day circumstances by increasing the limit on value of an estate which can be administered informally by the Official Administrator from HK\$250 to HK\$500.

Amendments to the Tramways Ordinance include additional authority to the Director of Public Works on railings of tracks.

Personalia

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Monday included Miss G. Bodenhamer, Mrs. N. R. Applegate, Miss M. Charvet, Miss S. K. Wong, Mr. and Mrs. R. Devaux, Messrs. B. Mamouney, B. C. Soper and R. Miller.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Monday were Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Bunn, Miss Hazel Shore, Mrs. J. M. Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Morris, Mrs. R. M. Somerville, Messrs. P. G. Strickland, C. M. Vignoles, G. D. Jack, J. Linstead, A. Walker, P. D. Hood, N. E. Norwood, W. P. Hutchinson, G. A. Rodriguez, J. T. Reid, A. S. Mitchell, Yu Kim-ien, Saul Fraint, T. W. Chang and P. Hsu.

Miss Lillian Taylor, of the International Refugee Organisation, left Hong Kong for Manila yesterday by CPA.

Messrs. E. Wodak, D. Duck, I. B. Wong, L. Lindsay and S. H. Morris left Hong Kong for Bangkok yesterday by CPA.

Messrs. S. V. Gadden, B. W. Pearce, G. Haulon, F. J. Robinson, G. Falconer and T. S. Yeo were among those who left for Singapore by CPA yesterday.

Mr. E. W. Blackmore, technical manager of the Vibro Pilling Company, Limited, will leave Hong Kong shortly. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Blackmore. The Vibro Pilling Company will be hosts at a reception on Friday at 5.15 p.m. at its office in honour of the couple.

Departures by BOAC for Singapore yesterday included: C. H. Ellis, A. Mitchell, J. T. Reid, B. E. Blount, D. C. Brown, G. McIntosh, M. Jones, W. Adam, P. D. Hood, P. E. Lintilhao, R. Walker, Young Yung-fu, Zau King-fu, Ip Po-tung, Lin Kok-jin, H. Colson, J. W. Morris, T. G. Egan, R. E. Greenway and G. A. L. Mitchell.

Among those who left for the United Kingdom yesterday by BOAC were Mrs. E. E. Fraser, R. S. Capell, W. A. Nicholas, G. P. Plummer, Mrs. C. W. Eaplov, L. S. B. A. Fox, L. E. V. Bumble, Maj. J. A. McLaugh, Capt. I. M. Linsithody, J. Pecheva, Vampole E. W. Laycock, P. James and P. Baskin.

Messrs. M. Alam, A. Durran, Mithar Ahmad, A. H. Khokhar, A. R. Vallinohamed, J. Linstead, D. G. Jack and L. Pederson left for Bangkok yesterday by BQAC.

Messrs. P. D. Purry, Park Chang-man and Chai Song-sok left for Incheon and Pusan yesterday by the ss. Supeul.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Montgomery and Mr. Robert B. Scanlan left for Keelung yesterday by the ss. Shangkung.

WEDDING

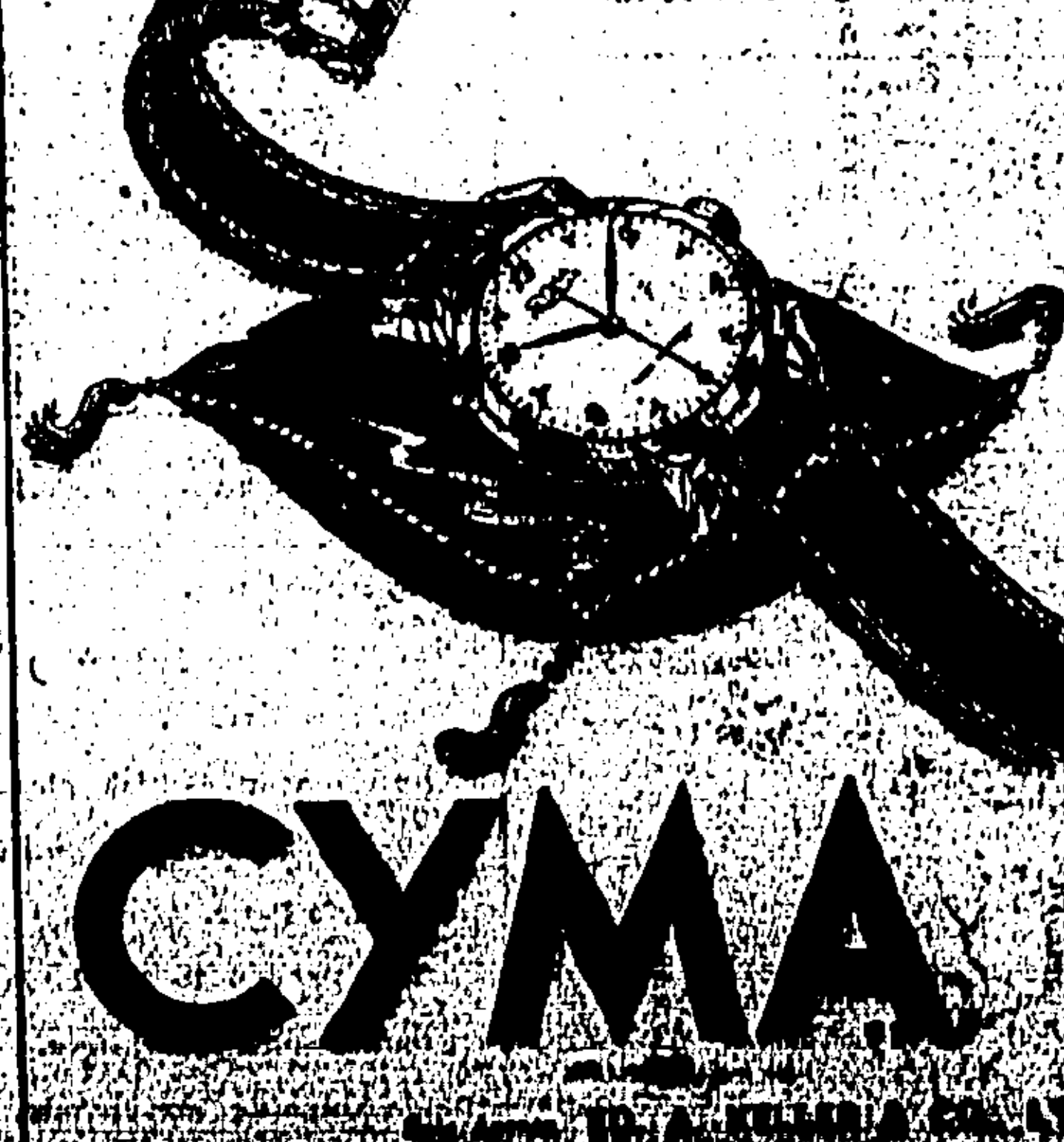
Olliver Herbert Parry, aircraft engineer, of 108 Taijo Road, and Mrs. Margaret Linda Chow, of 10 Duke Street, Kowloon, were married at the Supreme Court Marriage Registrar's Office yesterday.

B. H. Murray and P. G. Hill were witnesses.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding has been announced at Roy Anthony de Bono, store-keeper, of Wing Hing Street, 1st floor, Morrison Hill Sub-station Quarters, and Miss Joan Milne Thompson of "Domum" Sassoon Road.

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TIGHT MONEY MARKET CAUSES SHARES DECLINE

Hong Kong shares have dropped HK\$400,000,000 in value since the height of the boom in 1947. They are now down to their lowest level since the end of the war, a survey made by the "China Mail" has revealed.

This development is the natural reaction to the spectacular post-war boom in Hong Kong's share market which reached its peak in 1947. Most shares are today much below their intrinsic value, and a combination of factors is responsible for this state of affairs.

All are agreed however, that the main cause is the tightness of the money market, and the diversion of available cash to more lucrative channels.

More than HK\$250,000,000 has been locked up in gold bars, bought at prices considerably higher than the current market price.

Development of property and industry has also absorbed huge sums, and since the China trade blockade further hundreds of millions of dollars have been tied up in goods which cannot be moved except in dribbles.

Hoarding of Hong Kong notes in the interior is believed to have accounted for nearly two-thirds of the Colony's total note circulation.

People who can make 25 to 30 per cent in less than a year on building new houses, will not invest in shares, however good they may be, which yield a return of something like 12 per cent a year only.

Started in 1947

The depression, which has been gradual, started in 1947 when share values were at their peak. The drop last year ranged from 15 to 40 per cent. For the first three months of this year the drop is about 10 per cent on the average.

The position has been aggravated by heavy outside selling. Conditions in China have contributed not a little to this. Many firms in Shanghai have been selling their Hong Kong investments to meet the demands for wages of their workers and for office upkeep.

Gold speculators, faced with heavy losses, sell their shares to pay margins or meet losses. These forced sales, trust upon an unresponsive market, have been mainly responsible for the low prices.

The political situation has been a contributory factor, too. Many outsiders, and some in-

side as well, uncertain of Hong Kong's future and security in face of the changing China situation, have thought it best to sell out.

Another discouraging factor is taxation and high cost of Government. Rather than buy shares and join the ranks of the few who shoulder the entire burden of direct taxation, people prefer to keep their money in cash.

One evidence of this attitude is to be found in the changed habit of shareholders keeping their dividends in cash instead of reinvesting them in shares, as they did before the war.

No cause for alarm. To the genuine investor, however, the present state of the market is no cause for alarm. They are holding on to their investments, and wherever possible they add to their holdings at what they consider to be bargain prices.

They believe that once the tightness of the money market is eased, there will be a revived interest in shares which, after all, are far away the best and safest investments and given a normal market are readily convertible.

This view seems to be shared by the British banks in the Colony who continue to give accommodation to customers offering share securities, though they are more choosy as to the class of shares taken.

Hong Kong's share boom after the war was spectacular, and exceeded the expectation of the most optimistic. It was linked with the Colony's remarkable recovery from the effects of the war and its rapid upshot to prosperity almost overnight.

Most companies, especially the utility concerns, made what looked like huge profits as compared with pre-war though the fact that costs had gone up five or six times was overlooked. If this change in value was taken into account, people would realize that there was nothing remarkable about the results achieved by these companies.

With assets standing at pre-war figures instead of being revalued according to post-war level, a boost in share prices was but a natural consequence.

Observers are unanimous in their view that no revival of general buying can be expected until the current tightness of the money market is eased.

"And when buying starts again, you won't get shares at today's prices," our informant said.

Union Insurance Society meeting

The ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Union Insurance Society of Canton Limited, will be held on May 25.

Subject to audit, the Directors will recommend payment of a dividend of £1.12.6 a share.

KAI TAK TOPICS

Two paragraphs in an article written by Art Goul, United Press correspondent, which appears in the latest publication of "CAT Bulletin" issued yesterday, caused some amusement and a lot of talk among the Kai Tak community.

Describing one Nationalist Air Force "Ace" the story said: "The man, long-striding, Chinese Air Force Major (Leng Pei-shu) greying at the temples despite his 28 years of age, would like nothing better, he said, than to match his P-51s against the RAF Spitfires at Hong Kong if the order ever came."

"The order he referred to and one which he hopes to get, would be to turn his guns and bombs loose against the 70-odd CNAC and ADC planes grounded at Kai Tak Airfield, Hong Kong, recently handed over to Communist China by the Hong Kong Courts."

The "CAT Bulletin" is a bi-monthly periodical published by Chennault's Civil Air Transport. Copies are distributed free of charge to civil aviation circles in Hong Kong. "CAT Bulletin" started off as a breezy, family paper which has gone over well with the Kai Tak community. But lately the magazine has featured a number of pictures and articles on the China Civil War from the point of view of the Nationalists.

There was many an indignant reaction at Kai Tak yesterday when Mr. Goul's story was read. But the general reception however, was one of amusement. "That's plenty of talk for a little guy," remarked an old mechanic referring to Leng's alleged challenge to the RAF. Mr. Goul went on in his article to say that his hero was credited with "four confirmed Zeros" during Leng's service with the RAF from 1938 until the end of the war.

Lieutenant General Sir Robert Mansergh returned to the Colony yesterday by P.O.S. The G.O.C.-in-C was on a short informal visit to Singapore. He returned by way of Slum.

Civil Air Transport sources disclosed that a CAT non-scheduled line will be strung from Tokyo to Singapore, via Taipei, Hong Kong and Bangkok. The source added that the flights will be made weekly in a DC-4 chartered by CAT from P.O.S.

Pedicab driver on careless driving charge. The traffic accident last Thursday morning in Argyle Street involving the Governor's car and a pedicab had a sequel before Mr. James Wicks, at Kowloon yesterday when the pedicab driver, Lam Yim-leung, aged 37, was brought up to answer a charge of careless driving.

Lam, who appeared still limping with evidence of multiple injuries to his face, hands and legs, pleaded guilty to the charge. Traffic Sub-Inspector G. Hardacre, applied for a week's confinement for further inquiries into the damage to the Governor's car. He said that preliminary estimates put the damage at roughly \$3,000, and that a statement from the Governor's Indian driver had to be taken.

Lam was released on \$300 bail.

Tsingtao man fined for gold smuggling

A Tsingtao man, Sung Man-kit, charged with importing 35 taels of gold without a licence, was fined \$3,000 by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday. Revenue Inspector S. Locke prosecuting said that defendant arrived here on Monday by train and, when asked at the station whether he had anything to declare, answered in the negative. When searched, the gold was found hidden in a false compartment of a suitcase that he did not understand. Cantonese when he was asked, Mr. Wicks recommended that all Revenue officers should carry a card in Chinese to this effect to be shown to passengers when they are searched.

TWO CRUISERS RETURNING

Two British cruisers are due to arrive in the Harbour today after routine cruises. A Navy spokesman said yesterday.

HMS Belfast is returning to Hong Kong from Singapore, and HMS Jamaica is returning from a visit to Japan.

The frigate, HMS Black Swan left last night for Yokohama.

Reminders

Today

Too H meeting, 50 Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Dance, 8 p.m.

Women's Section, European YMCA, Whist Drive, 10 a.m.
Violin Recital by Victor Orloff and Miss Wong Kuk-ying, at Chinese YMCA, Waterloo Road, Kowloon, 8.30 p.m.

Cheero Services Club, dancing, 9 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, mah-jong, 2.30 p.m.

Sino-British Club Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 6.15 p.m.

Coming events

TOMORROW
HK Stage Club presents "Gaslight" at China Fleet Club theatre, 9 p.m.

Kowloon Rotary Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y's Club, luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

HK International Women's Club, Whist Drive for Services, 7.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Service Club, HK Band Call, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY
St. John's Cathedral, 1.15 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.

HK Stage Club presents "Gaslight" at China Fleet Club theatre, 9 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.

Theft from Hong Kong Treasury

More than HK\$10,500 has been stolen from Hong Kong's Treasury, it was officially disclosed yesterday.

The disclosure was made in the detailed statement of financial provision for the fourth quarter of the 1949-50 financial year which will be presented for approval to Legislative Council today.

The Financial Secretary will ask for approval of a supplementary provision of HK\$10,513 described as cash stolen from the Treasury.

The supplementary expenditure includes HK\$7,000 for public bands in the Botanic Gardens; HK\$1,240 for a new post of Director of Music; HK\$40,000 for security measures for Government House; and HK\$280 for the Chief Justice's chauffeur (new post).

Total supplementary provision for 1949-50:
first quarter: HK\$1,784,408
second quarter: HK\$1,051,513
third quarter: HK\$2,326,023
fourth quarter: HK\$2,326,023

Total savings to be allocated for 1949-50:
first quarter: HK\$41,838
second quarter: HK\$1,059
third quarter: HK\$8,667
fourth quarter: HK\$8,667

Additional supplementary provision up to March 31, 1950: HK\$2,612,507

FOOD & FUEL COST

The food and fuel index for the week ended April 13, issued by the Labour Office, were:
Rice & Flour, 2.4000
Vegetables, 1.9 0000
Salt Cabbage, 2.25 00
Oil, 1.4070
Tea, 1.4800
Salt Fish, 3.35 00
Fish, 4.0200
Pork, 3.35 00
Firewood, 10.0 0000
Bean Curd, 1.4 0000

Total: HK\$13,304.00

Prosecution witnesses gave false evidence, defence counsel says

An allegation that nearly all prosecution witnesses had given false evidence out of malice was made by defence counsel, Mr. P. L. Lam, at the resumed hearing before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday in the case against 10 fishermen, who are charged with 11 counts of criminal intimidation and unlawful possession of arms.

Mr. Lam, who is defending two of the defendants, Wong Hin-pak and Chan Hop-kuen, made the allegation when he opened the defence case. Hearing of the case began last September 21.

The other defendants, who are not legally represented, are Choi Hop-ye, Leung Kai, Lai Wing-tuk, Choi Ting-kai, Tung Kwang, Chung Hong-cheung, Yeung Kan-hei and Suen Pak.

They were alleged to have threatened several fishermen with firearms in the Soko Islands last Summer to compel them to sell their catch to one of the defendants and at the price set by him. Mr. Lam said that the man named Cheung Loi who was mentioned in evidence and who was not called to give evidence, was the instigator of the present proceedings. He said that Cheung Loi in 1948 went into business partnership with Chan Hop-kuen. Business was not good and Cheung left the islands and the five-year partnership terminated.

Chan, explained Mr. Lam, took Wong Hin-pak into the business, and at the end of 1948 during the croaker season business picked up and Cheung returned to the islands to claim that the partnership had not terminated. The matter was then referred to the Cheung Chau Island Residents' Association but no settlement had been reached.

Set up for himself

Cheung then set up business for himself at Siu Ah Chau, one of the islands in the group, in violation of the partnership agreement and all fishermen went over to him and discontinued business with his clients because they were unpopular for having wanted the fishermen against the use of dynamite in their fishing.

Giving evidence of his partnership with Cheung, Chan Hop-kuen said that he once gave Cheung 10 piculs of fish to sell which he had disposed for a low price. The fishermen complained because the difference was \$30 a picul and they refused to turn over their catch to their firm. Chan added that when he was arrested last July, Cheung Loi was with the police.

Hearing continues today. Inspector W. H. Summers is in charge of prosecution's case.

Murderer hanged

Death by Judicial hanging was the verdict returned by a jury of two men and a woman, at Central yesterday when they held an inquest into the death of Wong Yui alias Ko Lo, aged 25. Mr. J. Reynolds, sat as coroner in the inquest.

Mr. James McCutcheon, Chief Officer, Stanley Prison, said that the deceased was convicted on December 8, 1949, on a murder charge at the Supreme Court.

Wong was executed at 7 a.m. yesterday morning in the presence of officers from Stanley.

Wong was one of a gang who robbed a barber shop in Pokfulam Village in August last year, in the course of which a member of the gang shot the barber's wife, Yuet Ming. She died later.

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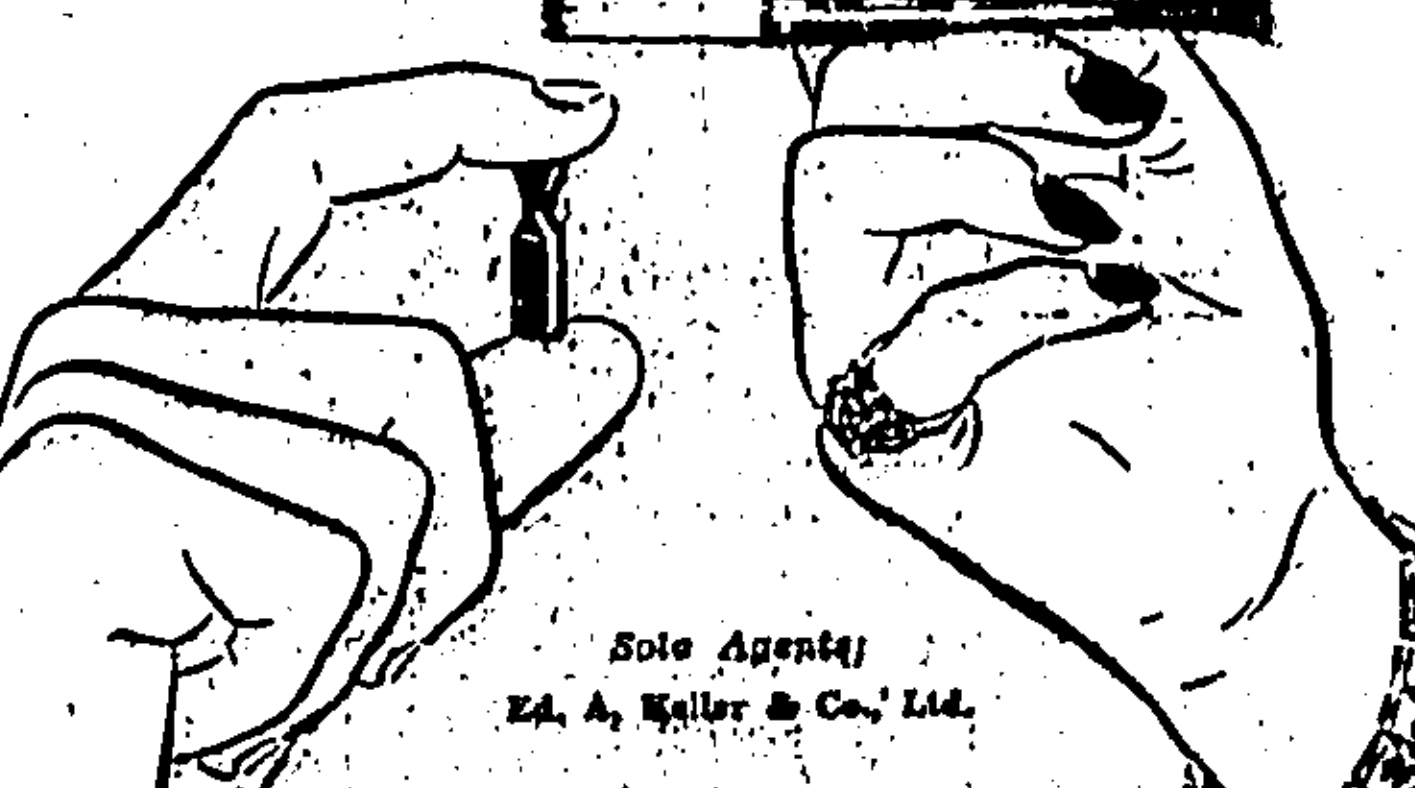
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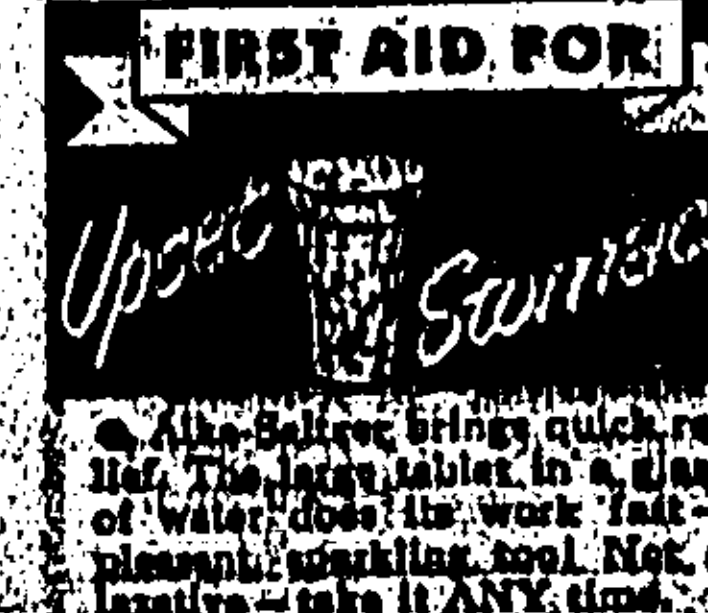
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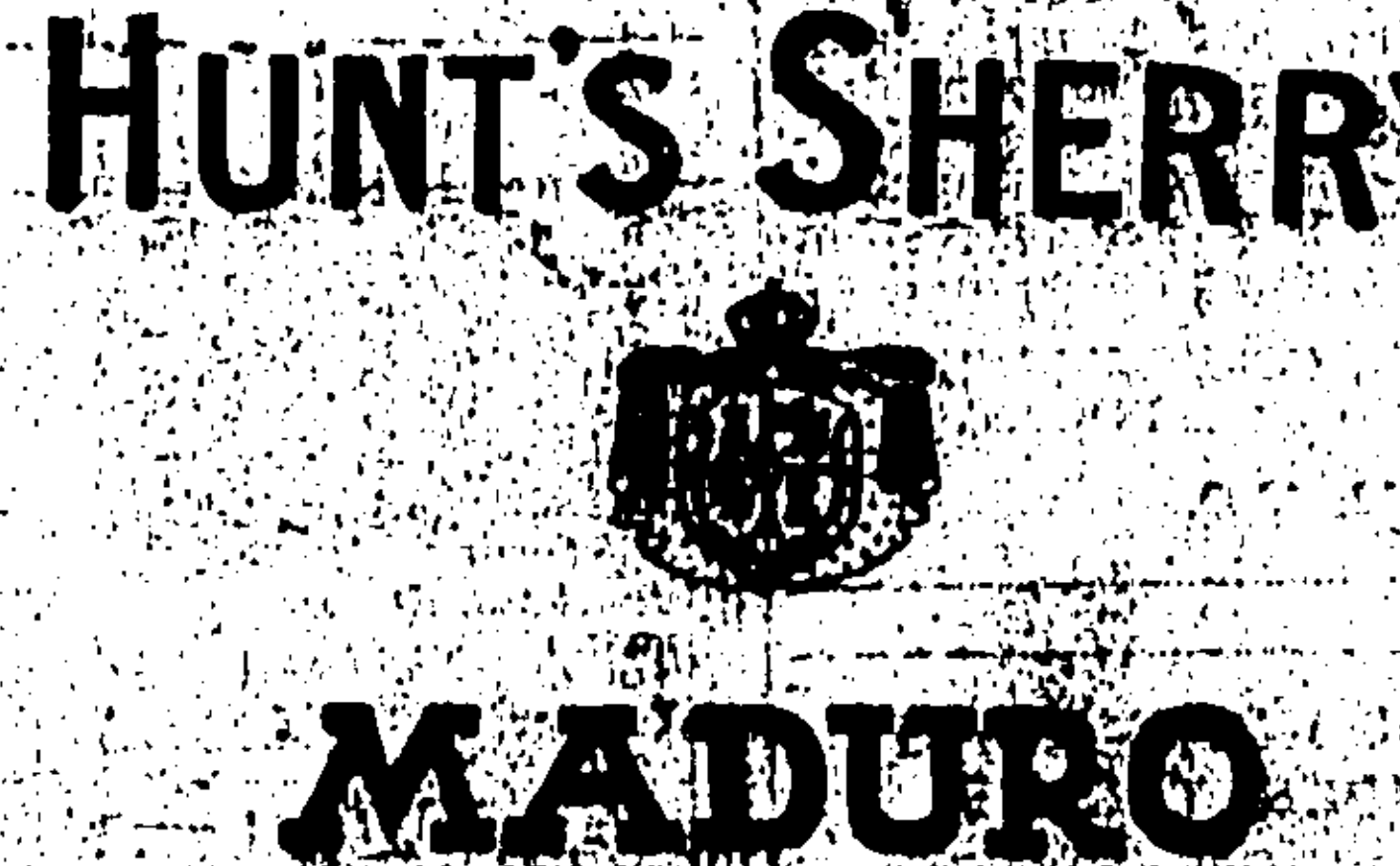
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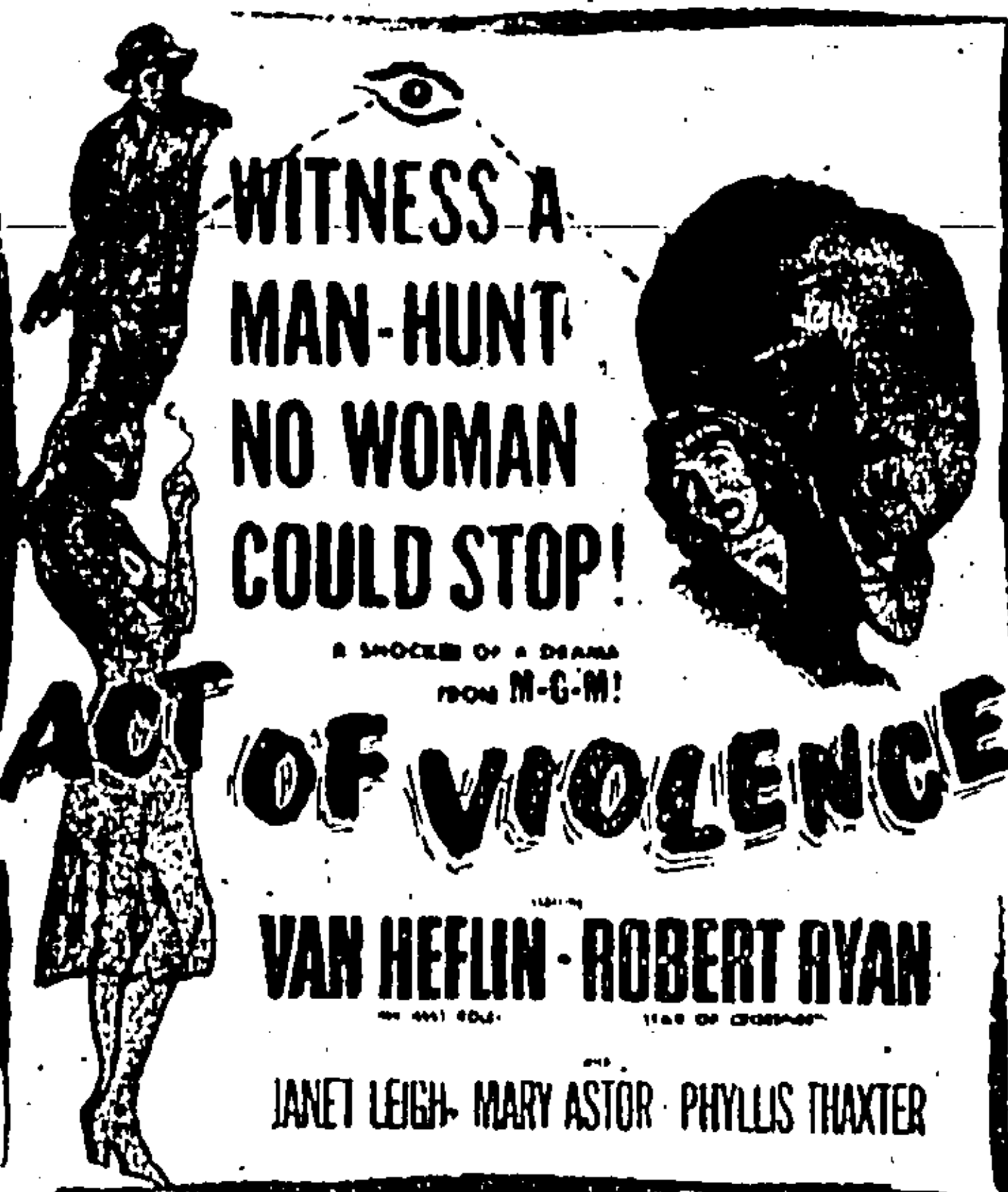
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PENCIL BOMB CAUSED MID-AIR EXPLOSION IN BRITISH PLANE

London, April 17.

A cyanide pencil, such as the French Maquis used to blow up Nazis, caused the explosion which narrowly missed killing the 31 persons in the Viking airliner over the English Channel.

Informants close to the investigation, which has been going on since late on Thursday night, said the Home Office experts have definitely established that the time bomb aboard the Paris-bound plane was in the form of a pencil.

The explosive charge was at one end of the pencil, and cyanide at the other.

The cyanide slowly ate through the container holding the explosive, and touched off the charge when the British-European airliner was 30 minutes out of London, on the way to Paris.

A French official aboard the plane is about to be, or is already being questioned in connection with the explosion.

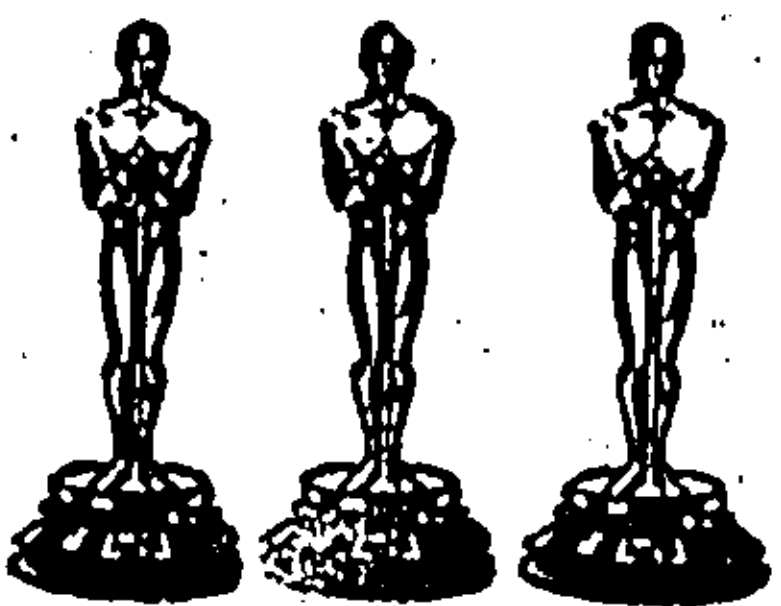
The French Surete Nationale is working closely with Scotland Yard on the case.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation, in charge of the investigation here, refused to comment on the report. The explosion ripped two big holes in the plane's side near the tail, injuring the stewardess, who was in the galley.

Who did it?

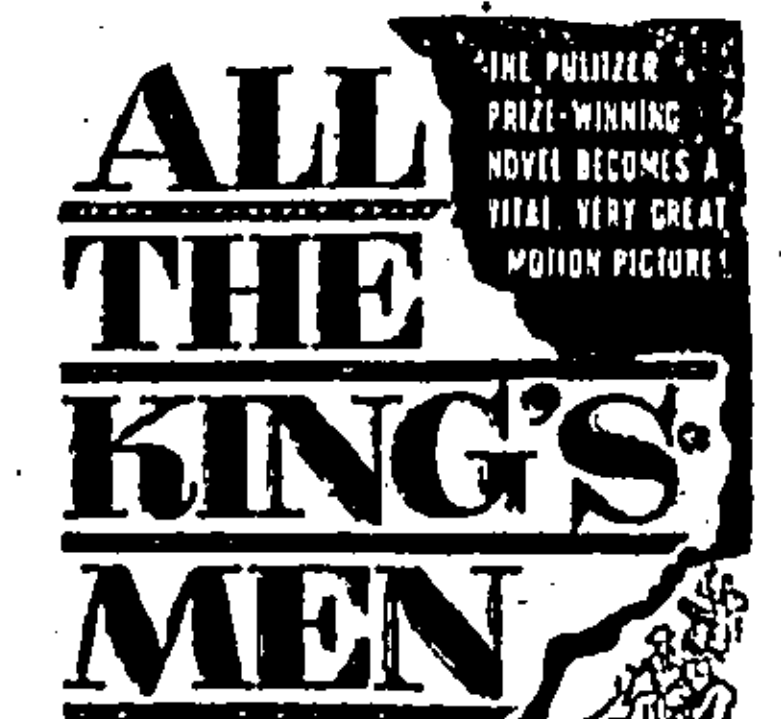
Who put the time bomb on the airliner—and whom was he trying to kill?

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In an all-out attempt to answer this question, Scotland Yard began today to dismantle the two-engined British European Airways Viking at Northolt airport.

The Viking limped back to London last Thursday night with its tail assembly almost torn away. BEA's first version was that it had been hit by lightning over Northern France. The stewardess, suffering from a broken arm and shock, was taken to hospital. The 28 passengers—including a babe in arms—escaped injury.

The lightning theory was abandoned last Saturday. BEA's Chief Press Officer asserted that all the evidence pointed to sabotage.

An explosion apparently occurred in the plane's toilet next to the little kitchen, where the stewardess was preparing food and drinks.

One of the passengers was Ralph Strauss, a Marshall Plan official. He pough-pooed any suggestion he was the target of an assassination attempt.

Intelligence chief

London newspapers, searching the BEA passenger list for Thursday, found that one of the travellers on an earlier plane was Rear-Admiral Eric Longley-Cook, Director of British Naval Intelligence.

Admiral Longley-Cook reported to the police two months ago that unknown assailants had fired shots through the windshield of his car in a London suburb. He chased the other car nine miles before losing it in traffic.

Scotland Yard looked over his car and issued a statement that the holes in the windshield appeared to have been caused by stones, not bullets.

Admiral Longley-Cook said he would accept the Yard's judgment.

The Admiral went to Paris last Thursday on Flight 320, which left at 11 a.m. The blasted plane was Flight 349, which took off at 7.45 p.m.

Scotland Yard detectives stood by today while the wings of the tattered Viking were removed. Parts of the damaged tail have already been taken away for microscopic inspection.

A British union complained to the Civil Air Ministry yesterday that union ground crews in State-owned BEA are riddled with prominent Communists.

"We do not inquire into the political affiliations of employees on the nationalised airlines," a Ministry spokesman told newsmen today.—United Press and Associated Press.

GOOD U.S. ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Washington, April 17.

President Truman's economic advisers told him today that the nation's economic outlook for the next six months is good.

The forecast was made by Leon Keyserling, acting chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, and John Clark, Council member. "No matter how you measure it the economic situation now is very strong," Mr. Keyserling told newsmen after giving the President the Council's report on the first quarter of this year. He added, "The outlook for the next six months is good."

President Truman himself thinks the economic picture is good. He said the other day and said he thought he would take credit for it.

Mr. Keyserling told newsmen, "Whether you measure it by industrial output, profits to business, by sustained levels of consumer spending, home building, automobile and steel production—no matter how you measure it, the situation is very good."

Mr. Keyserling said, however, that the outstanding economic problem before the country is the rising level of unemployment in face of business prosperity.

He said, "Unemployment levels are not dangerous or critical at present but they are higher than they ought to be. We must reduce and minimize this paradox of more unemployment in the midst of business prosperity by greater expansion of business and production."—United Press.

RAF IN ACTION IN MALAYA

Singapore, April 17.

Royal Air Force fighters and bombers supported ground forces in attacks on guerrilla concentrations in hilly jungle country near Borneo, 20 miles South East of Kuala Lumpur, in the past three days.

In 37 sorties Lincoln bombers made high-level bombing attacks, while low-flying Brigands, Tempests and Spitfires strafed the strongholds with bombs, rockets, and machine-guns.

Sunderland flying boats also took part in the attacks, and Tempests and Spitfires attacked targets in Negri Sembilan and Pahang States.—Reuter.

Film morals falling off

Hollywood, April 17.
The morals and good taste of Hollywood films fell off in 1949, according to American censors.

Mr. Joseph Green, head of the Production Code Administration which deals with such matters, said in his annual report that the number of American films approved had dropped by eight per cent last year compared with 1948.

The number of imported features approved had risen steadily since the war, he said, and more certificates of approval for foreign films were issued last year than in any other year since 1935.—Reuter.



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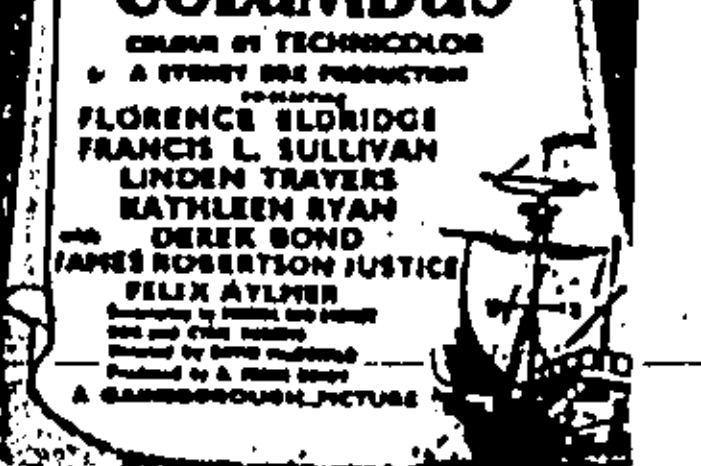
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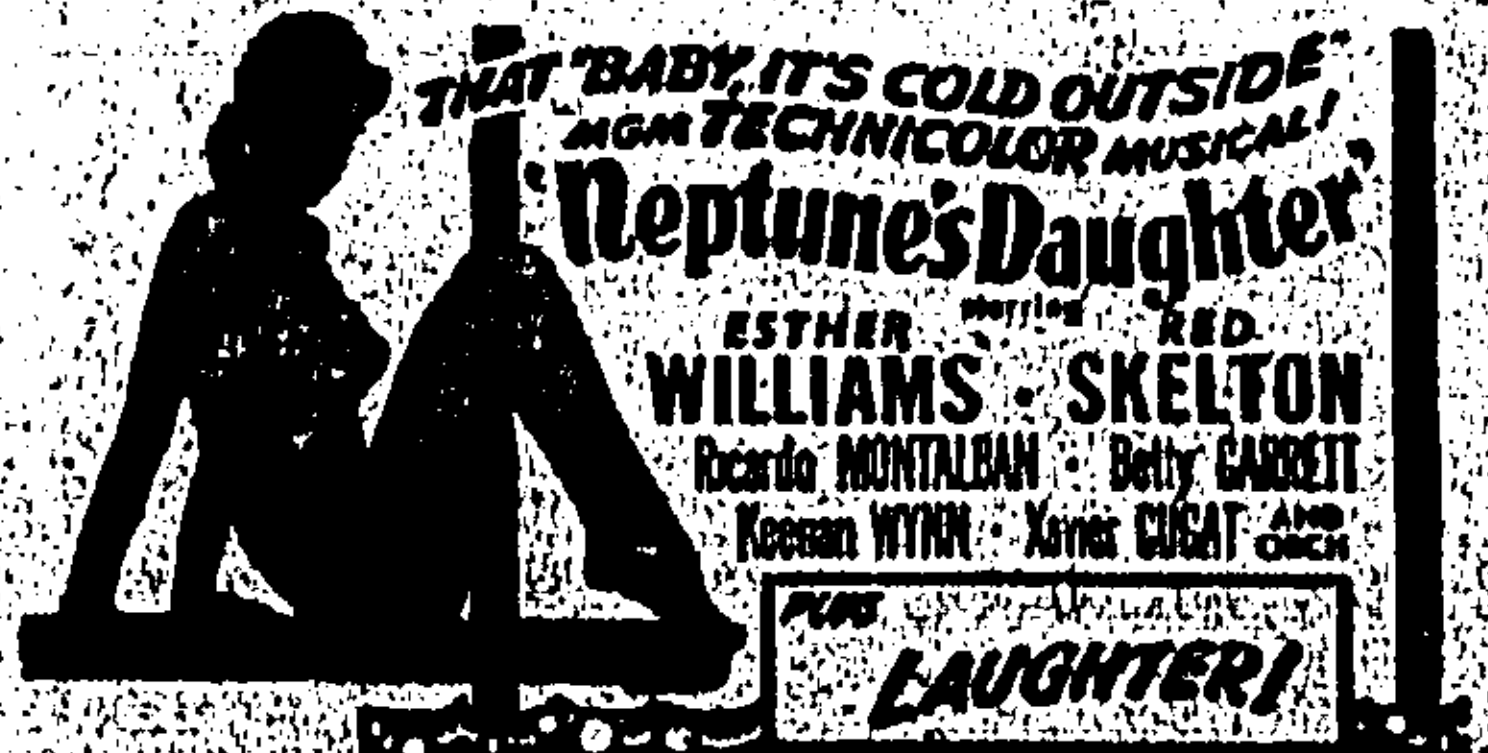
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ATOM: YOU NEEDN'T BE SO AFRAID

By Geoffrey Barker

The day America learned that the Russians had exploded their atom bomb, I was standing at the corner of Times Square and 43rd Street in New York.

Near by American newspapermen were making a quick check on public opinion. "Gee," said a little coloured secretary, "I guess we'll soon be hiding in the subways."

A beefy business man with a cigar added: "I'm glad I got me that little place out at Mamaronck last year. They aren't likely to drop a bomb on Mamaronck."

More confidence
A fat man in a T-shirt exclaimed: "I knew it would happen. I always said we ought to have dropped it on them at the beginning."

As war scares went it was no greater or less than the others that had ruffled through the country's hair ever since 1945.

The excitement died down, but the Fuchs case has started it all over again, even though to a slightly lesser degree.

There is more confidence today in the way Americans face the future. They do not talk so much of dropping bombs without delay on the Kremlin.

After reading the latest and most authoritative book on the subject of World War III, they probably feel they have no need to.

In it, America's top war-time atomic back-room boy, Dr. Vannevar Bush, asks and answers all the questions about a possible future war.

His chief point is that World War III probably will not happen. His second is that if it does it will not wipe out civilisation; it will not even wipe out London.

War, says Dr. Bush, is getting too big to handle because: Aeroplanes are bursting through the sonic barrier, but only by sacrificing range or becoming prohibitively expensive.

Jet engines are fast but fantastically uneconomical to run. Atom bombs will, almost certainly, never become a cheap weapon to produce.

Rockets with atomic war-heads are possible, but wildly impracticable.

Economic strain
These are factors that even the United States, with her vast resources, and Soviet Russia, with

arise, such as the issue and exchange of Malayan Victory Bonds, bought with remittances, for People's Victory Bonds.

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Certainly the Chinese would hardly relish a public reduction to the role of satellite yes-men in the full gaze of the American people and the world at large.

A procedure such as international recognition, with a minimum of national recognition behind it, would be unusual, to say the least. But it would break the deadlock and get the United Nations going again. Sooner or later, however, the United States and other Western Powers must face up to the issue of direct recognition. The questions put before the British Charge d'Affaires were quite extraordinary. They have already put us in the position of mediators in regard to China's international status. In turn, we are entitled to enquire whether Peking intends to observe the normal international code, and to abstain from aggression. There is no particular point in asking whether Peking wants to trade. But whatever the answers, good, bad or indifferent, full mobilisation of Western diplomacy in Peking would be better than a long wait for some great internal revolt, for intervention, or for war. Russia has swiftly seized the hand and reach in China. That makes it all the more necessary we should shorten our's and try a bit of lightning.

her hordes of slave labourers, have to take into account. The law of diminishing returns can lose a war before it has begun.

No purpose is served if the economic exhaustion of producing some shattering weapon is greater than the damage it inflicts, says Dr. Bush.

Production of atom bombs is a permanent strain on a nation's economy. And the bombs themselves are no use whatever without fleets of gigantic, long-range, high-flying bombers to carry them.

All these things, he believes, tend to discourage another scientific mugging match.

And by the time Russia has amassed enough atom bombs to consider having a stab at another war, the chances are that the technique of defence may have outstripped attack.

No defence system is perfect, however, and there is no doubt that one or two aircraft would burst through and drop their bombs on London.

It is not a pleasant thing to think about. But it involves

problems for the dictator at the other end, too.

No country in the world is today—or likely to be in the future—rich enough to waste so many atom bombs in order to get through with so few.

Reassuring

The cost of war would be so great that no country would start unless it could be certain that with one quick, crushing blow it could knock out its opponents before they had time to gather their strength.

And that is not likely to happen so long as the two opposing powers are more or less evenly matched. (Dr. Bush sums up reassuringly.)

He cannot, and does not, rule out the possibility that Russia might one day think herself strong enough to try another Pearl Harbour attack on the democracies.

We have to assume that such an attack, if it came, would be in the form of a sudden irresistible thrust of huge armies against

weak positions, combined with an all-out schnorkel submarine attack with long-range torpedoes against British shipping, and a terrific bombing attack against Western Germany, France and Britain, and, possibly, against America.

As Dr. Bush says, there can be only one answer to that. WE MUST NOT LET IT HAPPEN.

'We must win'

It is not necessary to match Russia man for man, but we have to make sure that our atom and hydrogen bombs are always better than the "Made in Russia" brand.

"We have to win the armaments race at all costs," says Dr. Bush. But we can take heart that as science goes forward it distributes its uses both to the attacker and the defender.

"If Democracy enhances its latent strength, and free men join in a common purpose, resisting and the diversions of petty causes, they can prevent great wars," concludes Dr. Bush.

If men remain true to democratic ideals "no power on earth can destroy what they create."



Midget triplets warned for causing obstruction. Well, if they would keep getting under people's feet...

Another report explained: "The midgets were stated to be a triplet." There's no rhyme or reason in this.

According to Tokyo reports, the Russians are saying phooey to Puppet Emperor Puyi.

Depending on the degree they are affected, people in Britain are now saying goodbye, or good buy, Mr. Cripps.

Gussie Moran wins another tennis event and says, this is Nice.

Most engaging. Incidentally, a news agency devoted some little space yesterday to explaining that Gussie's much-publicised unmentionables had nothing to do with her latest fiancé's desire to marry her.

Stalin again reported in ill health. Mind you, these iron curtains must be decidedly chilly. This is an idea logical.

Australia has no wish to have back its Communist son, Harry Bridges.

Some outspoken types claim, in fact, that the United States should burn its Bridges.

Thinking of the housewives they would have to face, fish retailers in Britain refused to pay prices forced sky-high by the new free market.

What about the currently sitting Hong Kong committee importing a few British housewives (I mean real ones, without cook boys) and solving the situation overnight?

"Man has unwholesome beef, gets goat term."

I knew a man who had unwholesome beef one night, but all he got was ptomaine poisoning.

International aviation vocabulary of 1,000 words proposed.

Just about twice the number used by most people who never leave the ground.

"Can I take you out tonight, baby?"

"No."

"For goodness' sake, why not?"

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China and the giraffe

Professor Duyvendak, the celebrated Professor of Chinese at Leyden University in Holland, has made an interesting discovery, and has published the results. He has unearthed the story of the first appearance of the giraffe at the Imperial Court of China.

The fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, when the Ming dynasty was flourishing, were the great age of Chinese naval history. Under a famous eunuch admiral Cheng Ho, Chinese fleets roamed the Indian Ocean, and repeatedly sailed as far as Africa. Now these voyages—by very large fleets, shipping on one occasion 37,000 soldiers—were undertaken partly for prestige purposes—to show the Chinese flag. But there was also another reason.

"Cheng Ho was ordered," says Professor Duyvendak "to purvey articles of luxury for the Court. If I may say so, he went a-shop-

ping for the ladies of the Imperial harem."

One of these voyages brought the Chinese to the coast of Somaliland. There they heard the local people talking of the strange

animal, the giraffe. It happens that the Somali word for giraffe is Girin; obviously this sounds very much like the Chinese word for unicorn, Chi-lin.

Everybody knows what importance the Chinese attached to the idea of the unicorn. If a unicorn could be found, it would be the sign of Heaven's supreme favour for China, and it would be proof that the Emperor in whose reign it condescended to appear was the most virtuous of all the long line of Emperors of China. Thus, when the Chinese navigators heard of the Girin, they picked up their ears with excitement, and could not rest until they had seen the animal.

By "WINDRUSH" Special correspondent

Ankara nights

By Dogberry

It is often the case that truth is stranger than fiction only because one does not expect it to be. One anticipates diamonds in Amsterdam but not coconuts. There is a special kick in the unexpected.

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But finally a new woman secretary to the attaché contacted Cicero, and when that lady presently deserted to the British authorities, the game was up. Cicero disappeared, and nothing more has been heard of the gentleman.

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English sportsman during a shoot, had its sound commercial side, advanced his price to £300,000 a time, and got it.

Altogether Ribbentrop paid out about £300,000, quite a nice little nest-egg for a valet, who thus became a dollar millionaire in his own right. The plot did not proceed without certain minor jolts. One was when Herr Moysich was suddenly recalled to Berlin by Admiral Canaris, head of the German Secret Service, who desired to have these vital enemy secrets consigned to himself instead of to Ribbentrop. There was more than professional amour propre in this. Ribbentrop refused to trust the documents, but Canaris knew they were sound value.

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DEATH

KWOK—Mrs. P. K. Kwok, beloved wife of Mr. P. K. Kwok, sister-in-law of Misses Kwok Fung-ting and Alice F. Kwok, mother of Messrs. Peter H. Kwok, Frank H. Kwok, John H. C. Kwok, David H. F. Kwok, Henry H. P. Kwok and Edward H. Y. Kwok and Misses Rose Y. Kwok and Y. C. Kwok, passed away at her residence, 7, Arbuthnot Road, on 18th April, 1950, aged 69.

The funeral will take place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, on 20th April.

The corse will leave the residence at 3.00 p.m. and will pass the Monument at about 4.15 p.m.

IN THE BREACH

Nearly two months passed before the British Charge d'Affaires was able to follow up formal recognition of the Peking Government with a visit to the Chinese Foreign Office. His reception was at least as remarkable as those suffered by the pioneer emissaries, Lord Macartney and Lord Amherst, a century and a half ago. He was told, more angrily than tearfully, no doubt, that in recognising New China, Britain was not making love to her. The naked truth, said the functionary, was that British recognition was based mainly on strategic grounds!

Presumably Mr. Hutchison mildly pointed out that Mr. Chou En-lai, in his very curt letter of invitation of October 1, had neither offered nor asked for any sign of affectionate heart. These special favours were limited to the Kremlin. All the others were told was that Peking believed the establishment of "normal relations" necessary. Recognition was accorded in the same spirit. Ideas about high strategy had little to do with it except in the minds of the Chinese themselves. They had been sounding off all along about the triumph of "the world democratic peace front, headed by Soviet Russia," which had "acquired unprecedented strength, surpassing the power of the Imperialist bloc."

Of course, sooner or later, we hope to help China to stand bolt upright on her own feet. But that is a long way ahead. At the moment the chief design is to afford some sort of official protection for British interests and British subjects. There is nothing new about that—it has been of necessity a first principle throughout the past century.

So far the venture has been unsuccessful. There is nothing new about that either. Very often we have had to impose ourselves on China, and only at very rare and brief intervals have the British been favoured with a kind and sweet disposition toward themselves or their interests in China. But we plodded along, and evidently we intend to continue plodding along. A spokesman of the British Foreign Office is quoted as saying that there is no intention of withdrawing recognition of the new Government, in spite of the difficulties that have arisen.

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"DEFENCE LINES ON CONTINENT CANNOT BE HELD IN A WAR"

General sees retreat by West over the Pyrenees

London, April 17.

Major-General Sir Edward Jacob, military assistant to the War Cabinet, warned today that the combined American and Western Union forces in Europe could not hold the present line of defence on the Continent against a Russian attack.

He contended that atom bombs dropped on Russia would not halt the operation of her armies in Europe.

General Jacob suggested, as the only alternative, an integration of Germany's military potential with that of Britain to establish unassailable strength in Europe against Soviet Russia.

SUPPORT FOR CHINA AT THE U.N.

London, April 17.

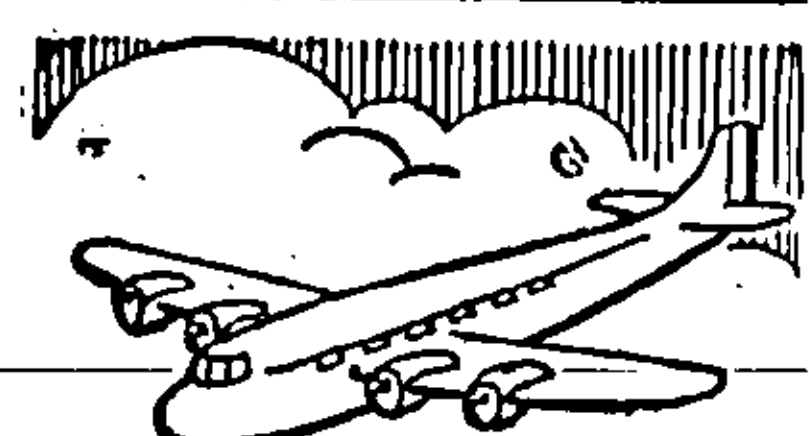
The British Government hopes to recruit majority support by the end of the month for Communist China's bid for a seat on the United Nations Security Council.

The Foreign Office is studying the 20-year peace plan proposed by the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie, who is due to arrive in London on April 27 for a European tour and a possible visit to Moscow.

The Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, has expressed the wish to meet Mr. Lie, probably after Mr. Lie has completed his European tour.

Officials said: "We also hope that the Security Council statement over China will have been broken before Mr. Lie arrives in London."

It is known that Britain told the Peking Government through the British Charge d'Affaires on March 17 that Britain would be prepared to vote for Communist China's seat on the Security Council if this was in accordance with the majority vote, for which Britain has been seeking the support of Egypt, Ecuador, and Cuba.—United Press.



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PIECK'S VISIT TO MOSCOW

London, April 17.

The departure for Moscow yesterday of Herr Wilhelm Pieck, the President of the East Zone Republic, has renewed Western speculation about whether important negotiations between Eastern Germany and the Soviet Government are now in progress.

Herr Pieck, who is said to be going to take a cure in the Soviet Union, is the third leading East German politician to visit the Soviet capital in the past four months.

The first was the East German Deputy Premier, Herr Walter Ulbricht, whose visit to Moscow to attend the Soviet Prime Minister, Marshal Stalin's birthday celebrations, was announced on December 18. He returned from Moscow on December 30.

The East German Prime Minister, Dr. Otto Grotewohl, then left for Moscow on January 4, allegedly in order to receive medical treatment after an illness. He spent about six weeks in the Soviet Union, returning on February 10. Earlier this month he met Soviet Marshal Klement Voroshilov, a member of the Politburo, at the Hungarian independence celebrations in Budapest.

Whether or not the illnesses responsible for the visits of Herr Pieck and Dr. Grotewohl to Moscow have been diplomatic in character, diplomatic quarters here definitely incline to the view that they and the earlier visit of Herr Ulbricht have provided an opportunity for a continued series of negotiations about the future place of Eastern Germany in Soviet-dominated Europe.

These quarters believe that the Soviet Union is contemplating an important change in the status of Eastern Germany next autumn, about the time of the East Zone elections, now fixed for October 15.

Whether this will include, as has been suggested, the negotiation of a separate peace treaty and a treaty of friendship between the Soviet and East Zone Governments, is still thought here to depend on two questions:

One is the extent of the opposition from the former German-occupied countries in Eastern Europe—Poland and Czechoslovakia.

The second is the status to be accorded by the Western powers to the West German Federal Republic when the Western occupation statute is revised, also in the autumn.—Reuter.

TRUMAN MAY VISIT PACIFIC

Washington, April 17.

Carlton Skinner, Governor of Guam, said today after a call on President Truman that the President still hopes to make a swing around the Pacific some time, touching at Hawaii, Guam, the Philippines, Japan, and Alaska.

Mr. Skinner urged the President to accept the invitation of President Elpidio Quirino to visit the Philippines on July 4. But Mr. Truman does not know if he can make that or a more tentative trip, Mr. Skinner added.

He recommended that Mr. Truman accept President Quirino's invitation and suggested that on the way the President should visit Guam for ceremonies on July 1 when the Government on the island will be transferred from military to civilian control for the first time in 500 years.—United Press.

RED STRENGTH IN SUBMARINES

Los Angeles, April 17.

Russia has four Snorkel submarines to every United States submarine, a wartime commander of the Pacific submarine fleet said today.

Vice-Admiral Charles Lockwood said the United States has about 70 submarines in the Atlantic and the Pacific. He had 51 subs under his command at the outbreak of the last war.

He told newsmen that Russia has a fleet of more than 250 Snorkel subs and he believes that some of them have been prowling California waters.

He said, "It is reasonable to assume that Russian submarine commanders are prowling our waters to obtain accurate data on temperature and water densities and to learn all they can about sonar conditions for application in hunting our destroyers."—United Press.

Britain rejects Hungarian notes

London, April 17.

Britain has rejected two Hungarian notes criticising Western policy in Germany and raising claims for restitution of Hungarian property in Germany.

A British note, sent to the Hungarian Government on April 14, rejected as unfounded, Hungarian charges that reactionary and aggressive forces have now come to power in Western Germany, not by the will of the German people but that of the Government of the United States, Britain and France.

Britain said Hungary had no right to make unsubstantiated criticisms of British policy in Germany.—United Press.

MADRAS CLASHES

Madras, April 17.

Sixty-seven Communists have been shot dead since the beginning of the year by Madras State Police in about a dozen clashes, most of them in Hyderabad and adjoining districts. It was officially stated here today.

Police casualties were not mentioned.—Associated Press.



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Princess expecting her second baby

London, April 17.

Princess Elizabeth is expecting her second baby. An announcement indicating this was issued tonight from Buckingham Palace. It read: "Her Royal Highness, the Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh, will undertake no further public engagements."

This is the usual procedure for announcing an expected Royal birth.

Princess Elizabeth, who is 24 years old next Friday, is now in Malta with her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, who has been serving with the Royal Navy in the Mediterranean.

The Princess also spent a holiday with the Duke in Malta from November 20 until December 28 last year, during which they celebrated their second anniversary.

The Princess' first child, Prince Charles, was born at Buckingham Palace on November 14, 1948. Princess Elizabeth married the Duke of Edinburgh on November 20, 1947. She was then 21.

Whether the new baby is a boy or a girl, it will be third in line of succession to the Throne, following after Princess Elizabeth herself and Prince Charles, her first baby, and taking precedence over Princess Elizabeth's sister, Margaret.—Reuter.

UK PRODUCTION AT A NEW HIGH

London, April 17.

British production, measured by value, rose eight per cent last year—by £828 million to a record figure of £11,076 million, the Government disclosed tonight.

A little less than half the increase was accounted for by higher prices.

Just over a quarter of the additional resources were used for capital investment, just over a third went into public expenditure by Government and local authorities, and the remainder went in personal expenditure by individuals and families.

The manufacturing industries, mining, building and public utilities achieved more than half the total output rise.

A Government statement on national income and expenditure in 1949 published tonight also disclosed that Britain's 50 million population last year shared out among themselves £10,226 million in wages, salaries, profits, rent receipts and other earnings.

This was £298 million more than the previous year.

Manual workers enjoying their biggest ever share of this "national income" received nearly half the total.

In 1939 manual workers received £39 out of every £100 of the national income after taxation. Last year they received £48.

Levelling up

The Government "White Paper" disclosed a continuation of the post-war trend to level up incomes of the population, with manual workers taking more of the money and paying lower taxes—proportionate to income—than other sections of the population.

Wage earners received £230,000,000 more last year than in 1948, an increase of just over five and a half per cent.

Shareholders, landlords, farmers, professional men and small traders shared out an additional £104,000,000—an increase of over four per cent, but most of it was used to provide for depreciation or put to business reserves, the statement said.

Farmers, in their share, got £25,000,000 more than the previous year, small traders £10,000,000 more and professional men £2,000,000 more.—Reuter.

CALL FOR ECONOMIC LINKS

Amsterdam, April 17.

Mr. R. A. Butler, leading British Conservative and a former Cabinet Minister, tonight called for an economic conference to link British Commonwealth and European economy.

But, he said, it was essential for Britain not to yield sovereignty as that would mean collapse of the Commonwealth.

Addressing the Netherlands Allied circle, Mr. Butler said that it was vital to bring Commonwealth arrangements on economics as well as defence into line with Europe.

"Britain's position and influence in world affairs does and will depend on being the centre of an operating and successful union of nations," he declared.

He stressed the importance of remedying the economic situation in the East and said that Britain's difficulty in paying the balance of Sterling due to India may well be the opportunity for bringing the United States into the Eastern picture.

The great strength of the Commonwealth idea now lay in there being no question of inferior status—between members, Mr. Butler said.—Reuter.

REDS HANGED IN KUALA LUMPUR

Singapore, April 17.

Kuan Fong, the 80th Communist to be sentenced to death in the Federation since the start of the emergency 20 months ago, was hanged at Kuala Lumpur today.

He was convicted for possessing a hand grenade.—Associated Press.



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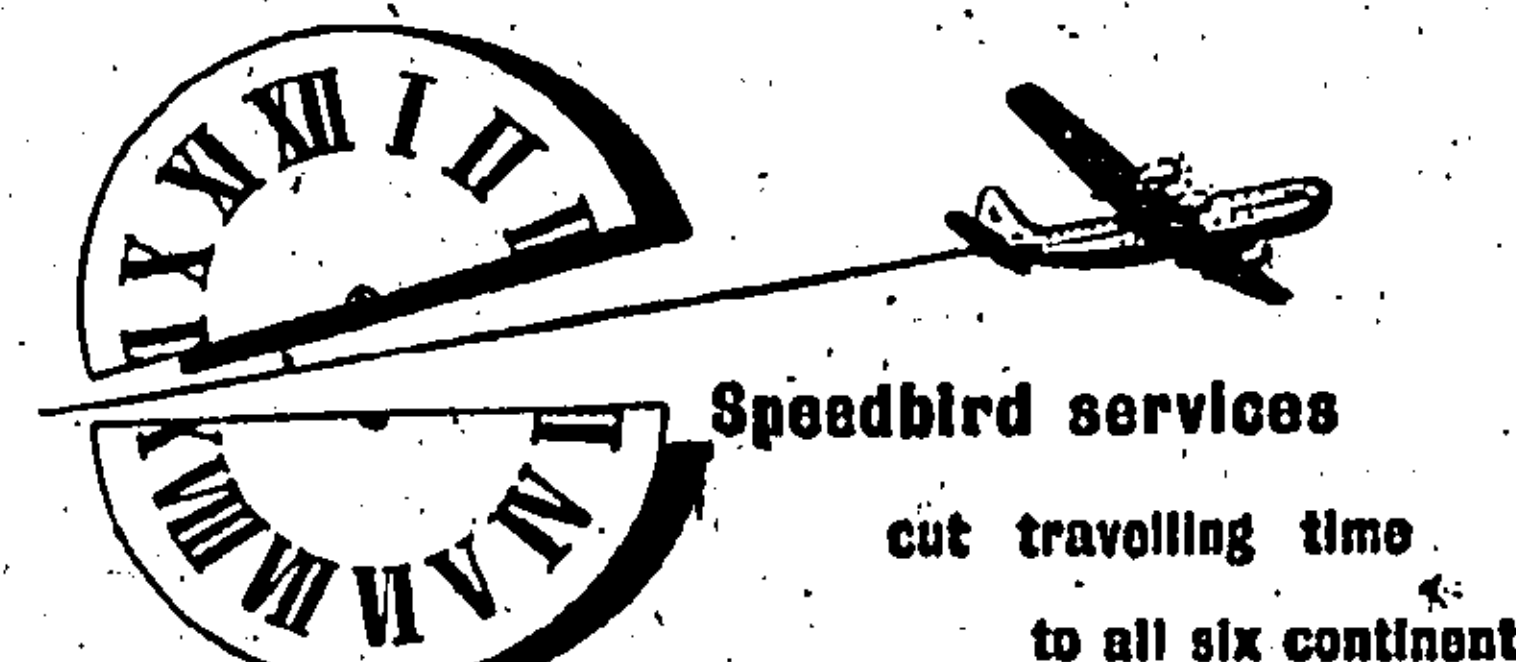
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Woman Today

DON'T CRY OVER SPILT INK

By Margaret Sherman

The British Navy has always been a weakness with me, and never more so than the other night, when swift action on the part of one gallant naval type saved my evening—and my now white evening dress—when a waiter mistook me for a wine-glass.

Good red burgundy stained my skirt. The waiter trembled, I seethed, but the young lieutenant murmured "not to worry," grabbed salt from everywhere, and applied it to the offended silk.

We made several applications until nothing remained but the mere suspicion of a bluish.

Therein lies a moral. Swift action is a first essential in dealing successfully with stains. They are much more easily removed if they are given no time to fix themselves. Once fixed, they are stubborn things.

Ten, coffee, ink, wine, and fruit stains on cottons and linens respond kindly to an immediate salt treatment.

In the case of tablecloths and other whites, cover the stain with a liberal helping of salt, and as the salt discolors scrape it off and apply more. Then pour boiling water from a good height on what remains of the stain. Afterwards rinse with soapy water and finally with clear, warm water.

Similar stains on clothes and heavier materials should be sponged persistently with warm water. Fast, washable colours can take a little lemon juice for the removal of final traces before being tubbed.

To meet the emergency of stain-accidents at home there are several aids which are good to have by you. Carbon tetrachloride is one.

This is a grease solvent and is obtainable from your chemist in its natural form or in various proprietary brands. It is non-inflammable and much more efficient than benzene.

Borax is another useful standby, and one teaspoonful dissolved in ½ pint of hot water makes a gentle bleach for the treatment of stains I have already mentioned, when they do not respond completely to the salt method. It can be used safely on fast colours, where stronger bleaches would be ruinous.

Oxalic acid is a strong bleach which effectively removes iron-mould from white cottons and linens. Since it is a strong poison,

be sure that the crystals are clearly labelled and far out of reach of tiny hands.

For tea stains

Dissolve the crystals in hot water, as required, in the ratio of ¼ oz. of crystals to one pint of water. Iron-mould is an all-too-frequent stain, a nasty one, too, because it not only destroys fabric but spreads to other articles.

Ammonia is a real friend and is especially good for tea stains on blankets and other woollens. Use one teaspoon to about one quart of water and dip the affected part into it, then rinse with clean, warm water and dry in the air if possible. The same solution is good for perspiration marks.

Finally, I would suggest one of the linen bleach preparations for stubborn and old stains, such as ink, coffee, or tea—but for white cotton and linen only.

Double trouble

The majority of stains are double ones—grease and sugar, grease and colour, sugar and colour, to name the most common domestic ones.

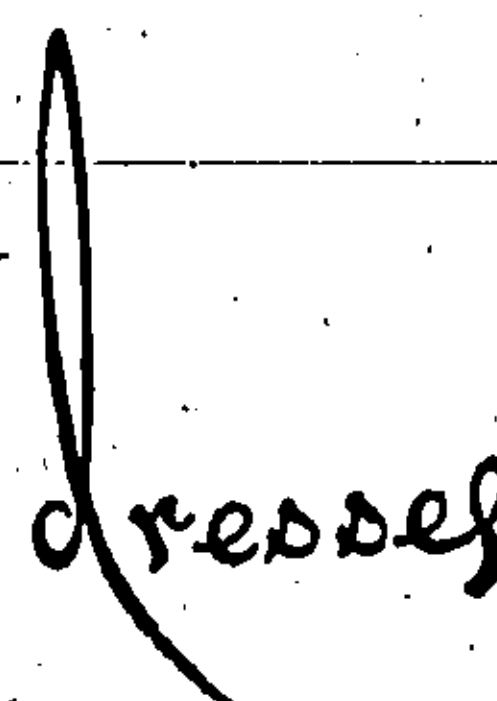
With a grease-plus-colour stain, process one is to remove the grease first. Suppose it is cod liver oil—common enough where there are babies in the house. Apply carbon tetrachloride first to remove the oil, then methylated spirit to do away with the yellow discoloration. After that, a normal wash.

When it is grease plus sugar—junior's bread, butter and jam—use clear lukewarm water to dissolve the sugar, let this dry, then apply your solvent to get rid of the grease.

Let me close with the unkindest cut of all—ink on your best carpet. At once, blot up excess ink, working towards the centre of the stain, then sponge immediately with lukewarm water.

Next wash carefully with a pint of warm water to which two or three drops of ammonia are added. This should do the trick.

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Scrape parsnips, cook in boiling salted water until tender. Drain, reserving ¼ cup liquor. Cut strips of parsnip for garnishing, mash balance. Melt margarine, add flour, salt, and pepper. Stir until smooth, cook 1 to 2 minutes. Add parsnip liquor and milk, stir and cook until sauce boils and thickens. Add egg yolk, mashed parsnips and cheese, fold in stiffly beaten egg-white.

Turn into greased ovenproof dish. Remove rind from bacon rashers, arrange on top of parsnip fluff. Arrange parsnip strips on top, sprinkle with extra ¼ cup grated cheese. Bake in moderate oven (375 deg. F. gas, 425 deg. F. electric) 15 to 20 minutes, until bacon is cooked and cheese melted. Serve at once.

Count your calories

By "YUKI"

Many have been asking for something definite about calories—that little term that's used so often when people get together and talk food. Here, then, is the information you're seeking.

To begin with a definition—a calorie in the Oxford Dictionary (the one which fits in my pocket) is termed a "unit of heat." But to go a little further, it is the scientific term for the standard unit of heat contained in food, and it's much the same as talking about the units of heat (petrol) needed for putting the "put-put" into a motor-boat and the speed into a speedboat.

If you're the speedboat type, you'll need more calories than the motorboat type—and if you're a speedboat type doing an extra amount of racing you'll need even more. Understand?

If you're a fairly hard-working business woman you will need to eat food which will supply you with 2,500 to 3,000 calories a day. For moderate work, or a day in the house, 2,300 to 2,500 should see you through. And again, if you do no work or are having a rest, you will need only 2,100 calories per day.

Overdose

Most of us, however, seem to have an overdose of these calories every day, and like overdoses of anything, sooner or later there are going to be repercussions; they will probably take the shape of an extra layer of fat which is going to be much harder to get rid of than it has been to acquire.

To prevent such a mishap, it's a perfectly simple matter to arrange your meals according to their calorie value—tot them up on your cuff sleeve as you go along.

Now that you know just how many calories you're eating when you ask for a second slice of cake, perhaps you'll think twice and take a walk to the fruiterer's for a nice, low-calorie orange instead.

Just because some goods which you've always been told to eat seem to contain a high amount of calories, it doesn't mean that you should cut them out of your diet. Please don't! They contain important minerals and salts that are absolutely necessary for your good health.

High calorie food

Instead, cut down on the high calorie foods such as cakes, sweets, pastries, macaroni, white

Ancient art of embroidery

Women of this generation are often good knitters, but they are rarely such skilful needlewomen as Queen Mary and her contemporaries.

The Royal School of Needlework in London, which had 150 people on its staff before World War II, now has only 50. It was this famous institution to which Queen Mary owes her instruction in the great point stitch in which she excels—and in which she embroidered the carpet she has given to Britain to be sold for dollars.

It was the war which diverted students into other employment, but girls in Britain are now beginning again to attend the School for training in plain needlework and the ancient arts of wool and silk embroidery. Students take a two-year course, and after a further year of practical work, can qualify as teachers of needlework recognised by Britain's Ministry of Education.

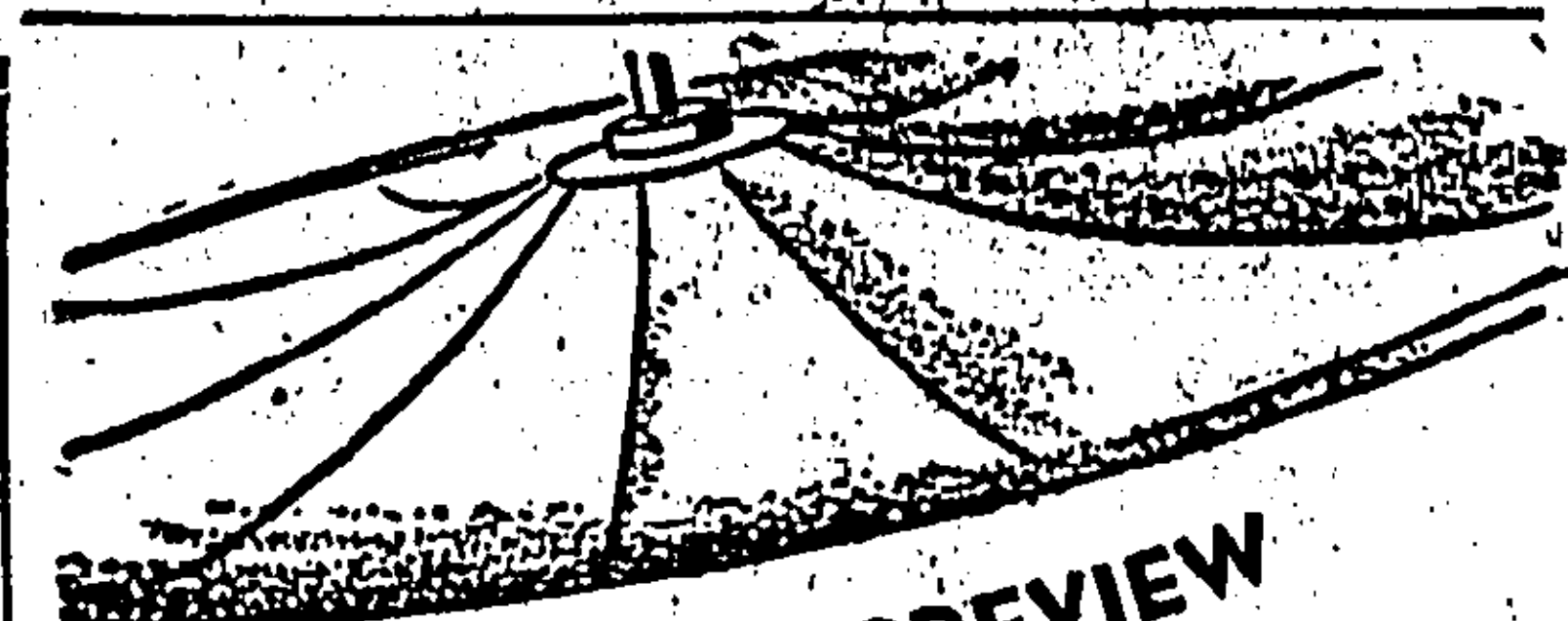
The Royal School of Needlework was founded by Princess Christian, one of Queen Victoria's daughters, as long ago as 1872. Today, Princess Alice of Athlone, sister-in-law of Queen Mary, herself a good needlewoman, is the School's president.

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The magnificent gold embroidery on Queen Elizabeth's purple velvet train was also made at the School which thus maintains the high traditions of this ancient craft.

bread, sauces, fried food, and exotic mixtures with a bit of everything thrown in. For they won't do much else for you except supply an over-generous amount of heat units which will later appear as a spreading seat or a bulging waistline.

All the food values necessary for the day will be in cereal, meat or fish, wholemeal bread or rye biscuit, fruit, vegetables, egg, cheese, butter, sugar and milk, and these will supply your amount of calories, too. Therefore, the remainder of your meals for the day and for those odd times when you want to nibble at something should be chosen from the low-calorie groups—and your system, your figure, and your budget will appreciate the change.

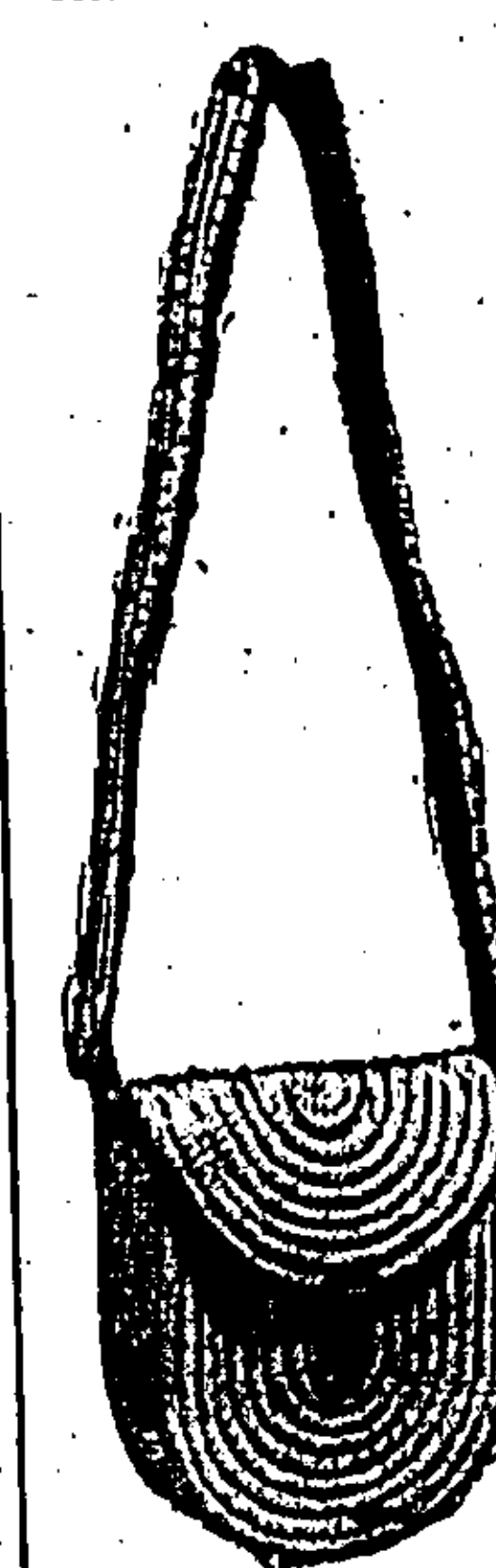


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New York, April 17.

War can be averted—but only by an effort equal to that needed to win a great conflict, Mr. John Foster Dulles, Republican Foreign Affairs expert, wrote in his book "War Or Peace", to be published tomorrow.

He urged the free world to mobilise against the relatively small, fanatical Soviet Communist Party the potentialities which we usually reserve for war.

CHINESE DELEGATE RESIGNS

Lake Success, April 17.

Mr. Roland H. D. Liem, a veteran of 12 years in China's diplomatic and information service, announced today that he has resigned from the Nationalist China delegation to the United Nations.

He refused Government orders to return to Taiwan immediately but made it clear at the same time that he is not going over to Red China.

Mr. Liem's decision was disclosed when the delegation released copies of his letter of resignation sent last Friday to the Nationalist Chief Delegate, Dr. T. F. Tsiang, and Dr. Tsiang's letter regretfully accepting it.

This is the first break in Dr. Tsiang's delegation staff since the Soviet bloc began its walk-out strike against Nationalist China in the U.N. in January.

Mr. Liem would not say what he plans to do now except that he will go into other fields of activity.

"I am not going back to China to either side, neither to Peking nor to Taiwan," he told a reporter. "I do not belong to any party. I want to work for the Chinese people."—Associated Press.

SOCIALIST CALL ON LEOPOLD

Brussels, April 17.

The Belgian Socialist Executive today called for examination between the political parties of King Leopold's proposal to return to Belgium but to let his 19-year-old son, Prince Baudouin, hold power temporarily.

The Socialists have opposed the exiled King's return. Roman Catholics, who want the King back, are reported to be divided on whether to stay firm on the unconditional return of the monarch or to consider some compromise.

M. Van Zeeland, the present Premier-designate, who visited the King at Geneva last week, is expected to restart Party consultations tomorrow in a new effort to reach national concord.—Reuter.

CROP PROSPECTS IN CHINA

San Francisco, April 17.

The Peking Radio today broadcast a report that abundant rainfall in North, East and North West China had greatly improved crop prospects.

It said that Peking for example, had a rainfall of 110.2 millimetres within 48 hours—higher than the entire average April rainfall for many years.—Associated Press.

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Seretse greeted by tribesmen

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Seretse Khama, banished chief-designate of the Bamangwato tribe, told hundreds of dancing and shouting tribesmen and women from all parts of Bechuanaland here today, "I have been driven away from my country."

Seretse is now on an authorized visit here to his London-born wife, formerly Miss Ruth Williams.

Telling the people the terms of his return for five days, Seretse today said that he was unable to address meetings.

"But you have come to see me," he said, "and I cannot turn you away. This demonstration disproves the Government statement that you do not want me."—Reuter.

RUSSIAN PLAN FOR BERLIN

Berlin, April 17.

The Russians have launched a four-point "Operation Berlin 1950" plan, by which they hope to seize this German metropolis without using force, the British Commandant, Major-General Geoffrey Bourne, said today.

He told correspondents that the Russians are trying to take Berlin by using psychological warfare instead of such force methods as the blockade of a year ago. The Communist Socialist Unity Party is their front organisation, he said.

General Bourne said the four-point plan includes:
(1) Propagandising the German people through the Communist National Front organisation.
(2) Penetrating Western Berlin's political life.
(3) Exploiting Western Berlin's economic difficulties.
(4) Conducting street rallies which will create trouble for the West.

The British Commandant said the political penetration attempts have already failed. The exploitation of the economic difficulties in West Berlin included interference with traffic on the autobahn, thus making it difficult for Western Berlin to establish business connections.—United Press.

JAPANESE ACTION ON TEXTILES

Tokyo, April 17.

Six Japanese textile firms have announced that they had now removed from their engraved rolls designs that had been copied from foreign textiles and exported.

General Douglas MacArthur's department said today that this action was a practical example of what was being done to eliminate infringement of textile designs in other countries.—Reuter.

Serious rioting by Communists in Paris, Brest

Brest, April 17.

One demonstrator was killed, 10 were taken to hospital and 20 Republican Security Guards were seriously injured here today in a clash between police and demonstrators protesting against the arrest of a Communist woman deputy and two trade union leaders. Edouard Mass, aged 26, died on his way to hospital from injuries believed caused by a stone.

The police fired in the air, used tear gas and made baton charges to disperse the crowd, who tried to force their way to the Town Hall and the Sub-Prefecture.

The clash followed a meeting called by the local Communist-led trade unions in protest against the arrest of a Communist woman deputy, Madame Marie Lambert, and two trade union leaders, M. Charles Cadlou and M. Bouquet.

These three were on a hunger strike in Brest Gaol today, charged with trespassing, illegal detention and assault after also kidnapping on Saturday of M. Pierre Prevost, a senior official of the local employers' association.

After today's protest meeting, demonstrators—despite an order by the Mayor forbidding meetings or parades in the streets—tried to force their way into the Town Hall and the Sub-Prefecture.

Van burned

They broke through one police cordon but were stopped by another. A police van was overturned and set on fire. Demonstrators prevented firemen from putting it out.

Large police reinforcements had arrived in Brest before the demonstration.

Madame Lambert and Messrs. Cadlou and Bouquet were arrested yesterday. They headed 1,200 shipyard strikers who captured M. Prevost, marched him through the town to their union building and released him only after long parleys with the police.

Angry French Communists, with two of their deputies arrested, threw a challenge to the authorities tonight by inviting direct action by workers after serious clashes with the police in Paris and Brest.

Action call

In Paris, baton-wielding police stormed barricades under a hail of stones and refuse to smash a workers' attempt to seize a suburban factory of the nationalised Smeets aircraft works.

Tonight the Communists invited a show-down with the police. At a meeting of 300 of the 13,200 men locked out at the Smeets works, a Communist factory leader cried, "We must recapture our factory. Everybody must be at the factory gates tomorrow morning."

The Communist evening paper, "Ce Soir", in an editorial on the

MP's INJURED

Aalborg, April 17.

The Danish Social Minister, Mr. Johan Stroe, and seven Danish Members of Parliament were among nine people injured when a bus ran into a ditch here today.

None was seriously injured.—Reuter.

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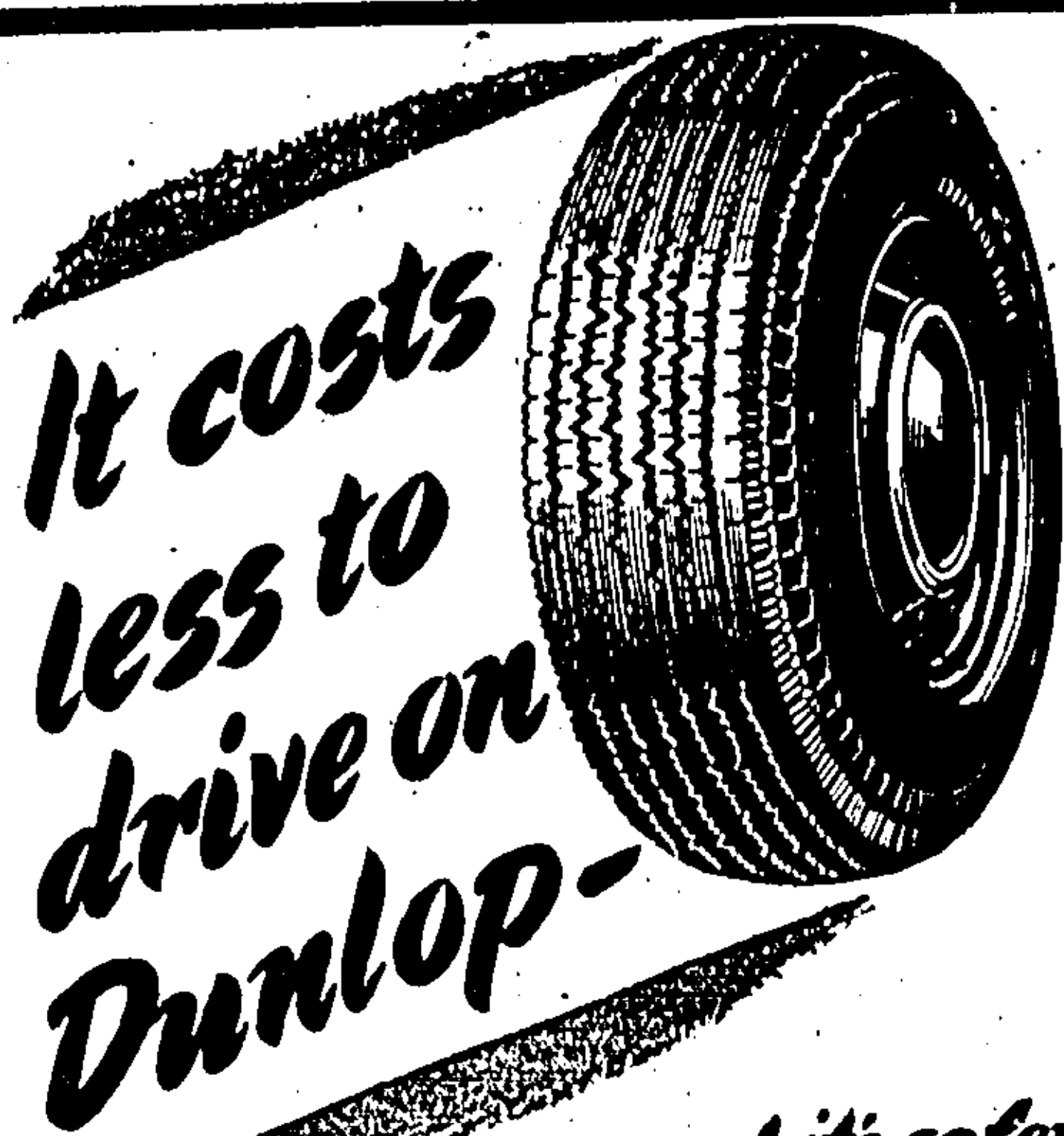
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Editorial:

The musical festival

The recent Schools' Music Festival held in the DGB hall was a grand show enjoyed by all who attended. Participants in the festival, whether they won prizes or not, are to be congratulated for their efforts.

The two-day show was so impressive that many adults who attended were heard to remark favourably on the festival. They suggested that a concert made up of the best talents of the combined schools be staged for the public. This is an excellent idea and school boys and girls may help to bring this concert about by applying to the Hong Kong Schools Music Association, which ran the festival at the Diocesan Girls' School so ably.

It will take too much space to mention all the fine performances given by the many students last week. It will be sufficient to say that all those selected by the judges as winners fully deserved their prizes. Those who did not win a prize at the festival should not be discouraged. They must realise that the festival was a grand competition in which some must be first and others, "also ran."

Those who were not successful may do well to try again when the time of the next music festival arrives.

Mention of the recent festival must bring to mind the very fine harmonica duet given by Gallon Lee and Cheung Yiu-kan of Wan-chai Government School. Their performance rated 94 marks—the highest scored by any person or persons in the two-day festival. And they fully deserved the prize given to them by the judges after their exhibition last Saturday.

By winning the Senior Elocution competition with the recitation of Walter de la Mare's "The Listeners," Mary Ho-tung showed great dramatic sense which makes the "Topics" reporter, who was present at the festival, believe that Mary has talent for stage acting. Her recitation contained all that the poem calls for, and her mastery control of the lines brought out fully the atmosphere of "The Listeners."

It will be a pleasure to hear Isolda Ah Woe of the Diocesan Girls' School, play the piano again; to listen to the singing of Lily Lowe and Yip Chi-yau; and to see the talents of Mary Ho-tung; to hear the exquisite harmony of the St. Paul's Choir; and to meet again the talented young people who made the festival a success.

A young man sings

Vic Damone—like the Dodgers—comes from that side of the East River that holds up the other end of the Brooklyn Bridge.

Vic was coached as a child by his mother, a former piano teacher and singer. Young Damone started warbling in public when he was only eight years old. He was a favourite at all neighbourhood civic functions and figured prominently in the church choir. He invariably carried off top honours in local juvenile amateur radio programmes.

During high school years, at Brooklyn's Lafayette High School, Damone was star soloist in the school glee club and took an active interest in dramatics.

When the time arrived for young Damone to step out and earn some money to help defray household expenses and the tuition for his singing lessons, it wasn't his voice that brought in his first dollar. It was a tiny hand flashlight which the head usher at New York's Paramount Theatre had given him to light the way for customers to their seats.

Vic's big break as a singer came when Lou Capone (no relative of Al's) discovered him and became his manager. Then things began to happen.

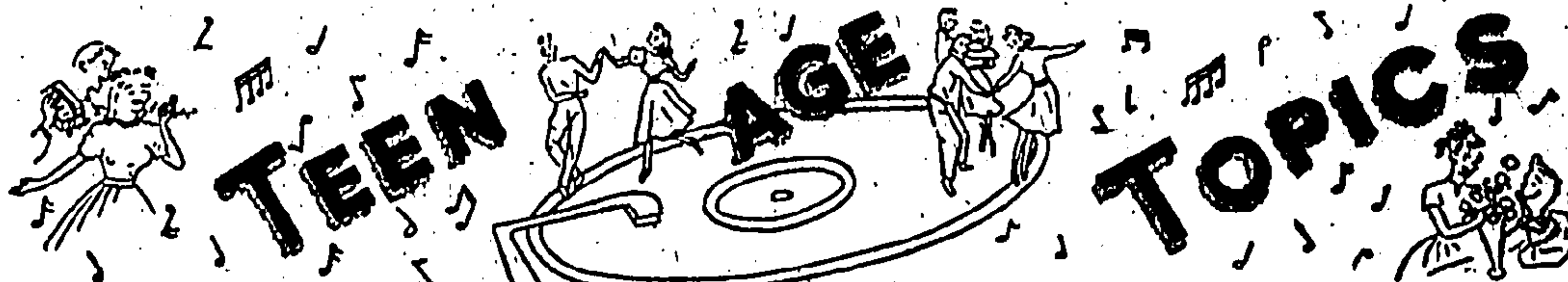
Vic turned in his flashlight, worried through an audition and wound up with his own fifteen-minute show over New York's WHN for several months. This was followed by his own show over Mutual Network and now he is star of the Pet Milk "Saturday Night Serenade" over CBS.

Damone took the spotlight as winner on the Arthur Godfrey Show which later led to his first night-club engagement at La Martinique, which was incidentally the first time he had ever set foot in a night club. There are other "Believe it or not!" about Damone—one is that he turned down a movie contract which would have netted him \$250,000!

The young singer has four sisters at home. They constitute what Vic feels is a pretty good cross-section of his radio audience. If he can sing to please all four of the girls at once, he feels an audition is a success.

Damone has consistently recorded a series of "hits" for Mercury Records. His first, which started him on the way to fame was "I Have But One Heart" and "You're Breakin' My Heart" put him on top of the Hit Parade for many weeks and in the million-record class. Vic's remarkable vocal versatility knows no limits. He sings an aria as easily as he sings a ballad. Vic is a favourite with the "youngsters," a protégé of the oldsters. He's been tagged by experts as the "youngest, freshest talent to hit the airwaves in many a moon."

Currently Damone is making a picture for MGM and he is co-starring with lovely Jane Fonda.



The "demure-lady-look"

By Betty Betz

The talented designer for young America, Miss Emily Wilkens, who's been burying herself among the costumes over at the New York Museum every afternoon for the past several months, pooled her inspirations in a Spring collection of "demure-lady-look" fashions.

"You can't dress our young debs exactly like the horse and buggy days," said Miss Wilkens, "so I've done a shocking thing and designed a dress with a little pink eyelet corset cover on the outside!"

"The clever Miss Wilkens believes that there's no reason why teen-agers can't wear grownup styles if they're designed with a youthful flair."

Pretty starlet Mona Freeman walked in the other day and walked out with one of Miss Wilkens' red and white silk polka dot off the shoulder dresses with little polka dot pumps to match, which will be a BIG thing this Spring.

"I make crinoline petticoats for all of my dresses, too," said Miss Wilkens, who believes that full "petal" skirts enhance a tiny waistline. After talking to Emily Wilkens about the new "demure-lady-look," I realized that manners and mannerisms have taken the same ladylike trend today among the deb set.

The "lady" as lady does motto is here to stay and girls are finally getting the message that you aren't necessarily tagged a "good-goody" or a prude if you climb up on that little pedestal which was built especially for you.

"I'd rather have a girl who's nice and lady-like any day than one of those boisterous life-of-the-party dolls who puts on a floor show wherever she goes," Vic Damone told me when he was courting lovely Liz Taylor. And with the lady-like fashions of Emily Wilkens, perhaps it'll be just that much easier to get in the lady-like mood!

So if any chap makes a crack about your corset-cover, don't konk him with a pop bottle just smile sweetly and beat him to death with a daffodil!

If your mother asks you to take the small fry to see the Walt Disney film, "Cinderella," don't gripe. I'm sure you'll love it much more than the kiddies!

It's the perfect picture for those who are young in heart and it is one of the lady-like classics which will be seen and enjoyed all over the world for many years to come. The riotous cat and mouse chase creates more interest and suspense than the actual Cinderella story, but the whole film is so completely enchanting that you'll enjoy seeing it again and again.

Down Texas way I hear that the fabulous oil tycoon, Glenn McCarthy, has Sunday tea dances for the teen-set of Houston at his multi-million dollar Shamrock Hotel.

Dotty Lamour was imported from Hollywood to sing and demonstrate the Charleston for the crowd. The whole idea originated with Mr. McCarthy's own teen age daughters!

Be on the watch at your local theatre for the first Hollywood movie about Girl Scouting. It's a technicolor short called "Women of Tomorrow" commemorating the 38th birthday of the Girl Scouts of America. This wonderful organisation has contributed so much towards international friendship, that it's grand news that good work is brought to the eyes of the public.

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Name: Nancy Smith.

Particulars: write to her at Stuaris Road, Katoomba, NSW. Nancy is aged 18 and she is a shop assistant. Her favourite book is "Lassie Come Home" which was recently made into a film. Her favourite singer is Al Jolson and Larry Parks is her favourite actor. Nancy's hobby is horse-riding. Her ambition is to do everything well.

Name: Dora Stockdale.

Particulars: write to her at Haythorpe Station, Menindee, NSW. Aged 18, Dora is a Governess. Her favourite sport is dancing and tennis. She likes to knit and her hobby and her favourite book is "The Rosary" by Florence L. Barclay. Her ambition is to travel.

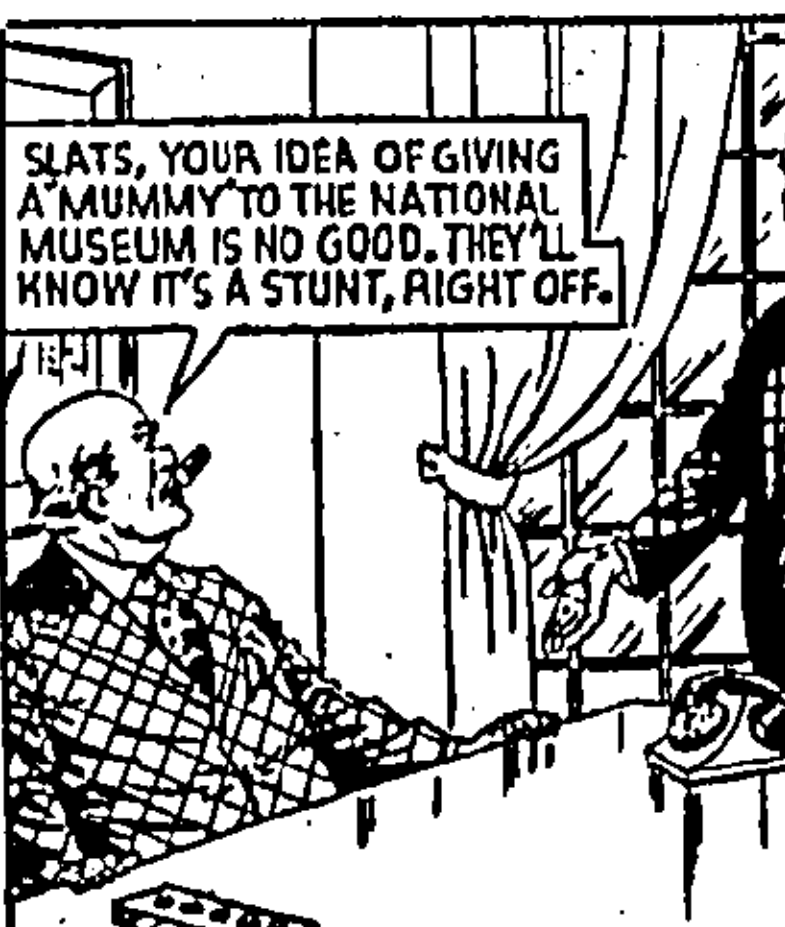
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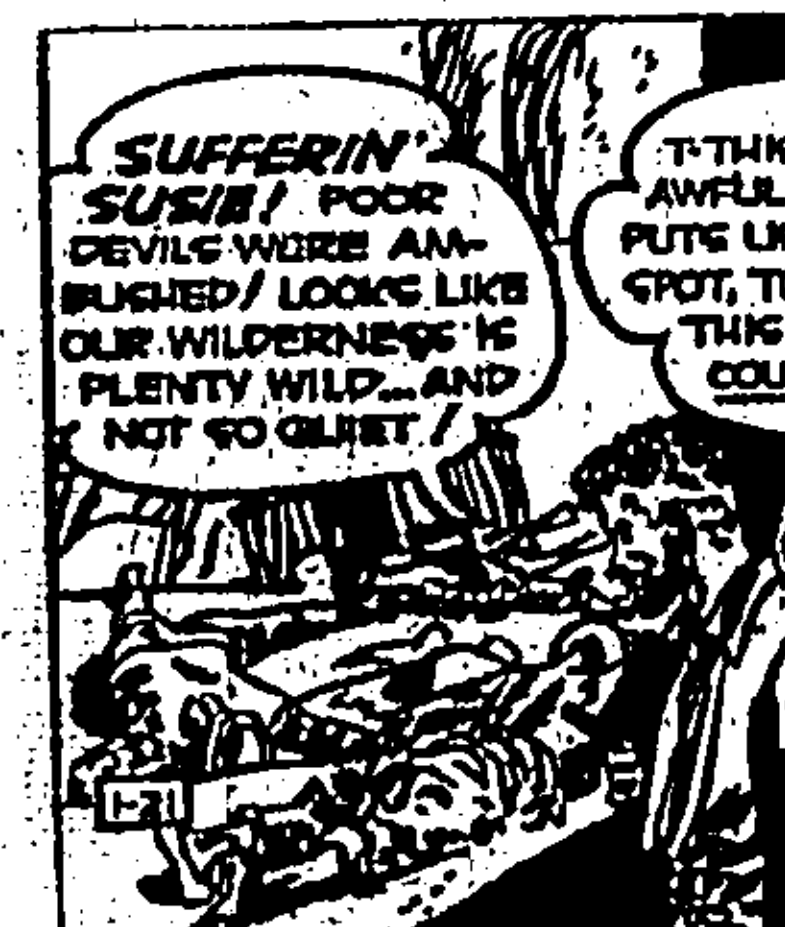
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Distribution of coal in China

San Francisco, April 17.
The Communist authorities in China plan to distribute the country's coal output to points where it will serve the nation best. This will be done through the newly established State-owned National Coal Company, Peking. Radio reported tonight.

Under the new scheme all areas will be supplied with local coal as far as possible. Deficiencies will be covered by the Company's distributing organ.

Coal for railways and industries will be given priority, but it is also the Company's purpose to see that there is adequate coal for domestic users.

The Radio pointed out that in many of China's provinces, Hoppel and Hoppel, for instance, peasants had never had sufficient fuel. Coal will now, however, be delivered to these peasants, thus eliminating the burning of materials which could be used as fertilizer.

It was further reported that the China Coal and Building Materials Company, with its head office in Peking and branch offices in many parts of China, will handle the distribution and supply of coal throughout the country. The coal production of all State-operated mines will be under its control and contracts could also be signed between the Company and privately-run mines.

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valled on the stock market today

as traders waited to see what the

Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir

Stafford Cripps had in store for

them in his budget speech on

Tuesday.

Government gilt-edged bonds

moved sharply after

week-end news that the Brazilian

Government is to redeem

some £17,000,000 of its sterling

loans.

Financial Times index 108 1/2

Associated Press.

Pound reaches a new high

Brussels, April 17.
The British Pound today reached its highest quotation on the European market this year. The franc rate was 128 Belgian francs, compared with the official rate of 140 to the pound.

In the past few weeks the Pound has been steadily rising and was strengthened by Sir Stafford Cripps' announcement of Britain's increased gold reserves last week.

On January 4, 1950 the Pound, sunk to 111 Belgian francs and remained near the 116 mark throughout the first two months of 1950.—Associated Press.

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The export of coal will also be

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will also supply building materials

like cement, steel reinforcement,

timber, bricks and tiles to

public utilities and city con-

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Cotton planting

Peking Radio added that many

coal contracts have already been

signed with public and private

industrial concerns throughout

the country by the Company.

Peking Radio said that peasants

in China's two great cotton pro-

ducing areas—Central South China

and North West China—are re-

ceiving much assistance from

local authorities in the initial

work of cotton and hemp plant-

ing.

The areas aimed to produce

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total national target of 450,000

tons, the Radio said, adding that

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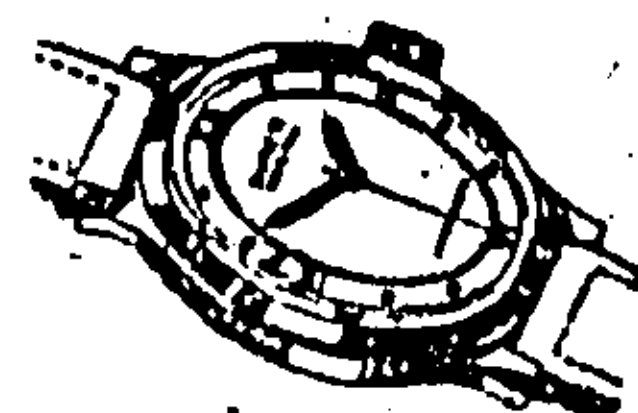
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SING TAO TO TOUR SOUTH SEAS

After a lengthy discussion at yesterday's Council Meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association, permission was granted to the Sing Tao football team to tour the South Seas.

Mr. Mok said that Sing Tao was only affiliated to the Association and did not field a playing team. He said that it would be bad policy on the part of the Association to grant permission for the tour to be undertaken.

Mr. L. G. Young said that Sing Tao had a right to tour the South Seas as an affiliated club and there was nothing to stop them.

Mr. J. Skinner said that the Sing Tao Club was a very good member of the Association, although it had no team in this league.

Mr. Skinner also told the meeting that the New Zealand Football Association had intimated that it would let the HKFA know in due course its decision regarding a proposed visit to the Colony at the end of the year.

Mr. J. P. Ennis, Mr. Gordon and Mr. Ma Man-fai were elected to the Charity Fund Sub-Committee.

Champions v Rest
The Champions of the Senior Division of the Hong Kong Football League, Kit Chee, will be playing the Rest of the Colony on Saturday at the Hong Kong Football Club ground.

In a curtain raiser, the Second Division champions, News' Vendors will play Kit Chee, runner-up.

At the conclusion of the Senior game, Sir Arthur Morse will present the trophies to the successful teams.

The following have been selected to represent the Rest of the Colony against Kit Chee.

Tam Woon-cheuk (Kwong Wah), Rocho (St. Joseph's) (Captain), Lui Shui-ping (CAA), Muller (Club), Hayes (Commandos), Santos (St. Joseph's), Xavier (St. Joseph's), Lee Chun-fat (KMB), Ko Fo-keung (South China), Yuen Yu-lam (Police) and Lee Tai-fai (KMB).

Reserves: Tang Wing (Police), Fok Yu-wah (South China), Tang Sum (KMB), Tang Yee-kit (KMB), and Chow Man-chi (KMB).

Team Manager: Mr. Gordon.

Staging a brilliant recovery after being two goals in arrears at the interval in the final game of the Fleet Soccer Knock-out Competition at Causeway Bay yesterday, 45 Commando eventually emerged winners over HQ 3 Commando Brigade by three goals to two.

By virtue of their victory, 45 Commando have not only secured the Fleet Trophy, but also the soccer "double" in that they carried off the Championship of the Commando Brigade Inter-Unit League last week.

Yesterday's game started off at a fast pace, with each set of forwards attacking in turn but unable to penetrate the respective defences.

45 Commando had a wonderful opportunity of taking the lead after play had been in progress for about five minutes when they were awarded a penalty for "hands." Lewens, who was entrusted with the spot kick, shot wide of the mark.

Headquarters came near to drawing first blood when A. S. Wilson gained possession and went through on his own, but he ended up a neat movement by sending in a crashing shot straight at Gilliam.

As the ball rebounded from Gilliam's chest, it was lobbed in the goalmouth, but Gilliam recovered in time and gathered the ball to clear.

Terrific drive
45 Commando took the ball up to the other end and forced a corner. From the resultant corner kick, the ball was cleared to Stewart, who worked his way over to the left and then centred to A. S. Wilson, who netted with a terrific drive from close range to open the scoring.

Within five minutes, Headquarters increased their lead through Stewart, who netted with a powerful shot on a pass from the left.

45 Commando fought back desperately, but the opposing defenders, who were playing a sterling game, repulsed every effort to break through.

The interval came with Headquarters leading by two clear goals.

The second half opened strongly and within five minutes, 45 Commando had reduced the lead of their opponents, Shergold netting with a rasping shot, the ball spinning into the net.

Attacked in earnest
Headquarters, stung by this reverse, attacked in earnest and gave the 45 Commando defence several anxious moments.

45 Commando were awarded another penalty when one of the opposing defenders, who was apparently under the impression that the ball had been handled by an opponent, caught it with both hands.

Lewens, who was again deputised to take the spot kick, made no mistake this time, netting with a fast ground shot to the lower left hand corner of the net, to put 45 Commando in the lead.

There was no further scoring and the final whistle came, with 45 Commando worthy winners of a hard fought game by three goals to two.

45 Commando: Gilliam, Merkle, Stockdale, Watt, Precious, Lewens, Beaver, West, Loneragan, Richards and Shergold.

Headquarters: Briggs, Wells, Snigold, Thomas, Pratt, Harding, R. Wilson, Stewart, A. S. Wilson, Dowling and Evans.

KOREANS TO PLAY LAST SOCCER GAME THIS AFTERNOON

The Korean Soccer XI will play their third and final game in the Colony this afternoon, when they meet another Chinese XI on the Club ground at Happy Valley at 5.30 p.m.

On Saturday last, the Koreans defeated the Colony XI by six goals to three, following up this success with a 3-1 win over a strong Combined Chinese XI on Sunday.

Today's game holds promise of being more thrilling and exciting than the two previous games, as the Koreans will be going all out to preserve their unbeaten record, while the Chinese will throw all their resources into the game in an attempt to avenge Sunday's defeat.

The manner of Palestine's win at Hurst Park on Saturday has aroused considerable criticism and this is probably the reason his odds were extended.

Prince Simon is now third favourite for the Two Thousand Guineas at 5 to 1. Last week he was quoted at 10 to 7.

M. Marcel Bouas's colt, Cardanil, who is to be flown over for the Guineas, hardened from 100 to 10 to 1. He is said to be France's main challenger.

Full quotations
The full quotations were:
Two Thousand Guineas: 5 to 2 Masked Light, 3 to 2 Palestine, 5 to 1 Prince Simon, 6 to 1 The Golden Road, 10 to 1 Cardanil, 100 to 1 Welsh View, 25 to 1 any others.

The Derby: 7 to 1 Prince Simon, 9 to 1 Masked Light, 10 to 1 The Golden Road, 100 to 1 Cardanil and Chalk Rock, 20 to 1 Granphar, 22 to 1 Pardon, 35 to 1 any others.

YESTERDAY'S HOCKEY RESULTS
The following are the results of Hong Kong Hockey Association fixtures played yesterday:

KITC: 8 CLUB
NOMATA: 5 Y.M.C.A.
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KCC LAWN BOWLS
The second round of the Kowloon Cricket Club lawn bowls tournament was played yesterday.

Prize list: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 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